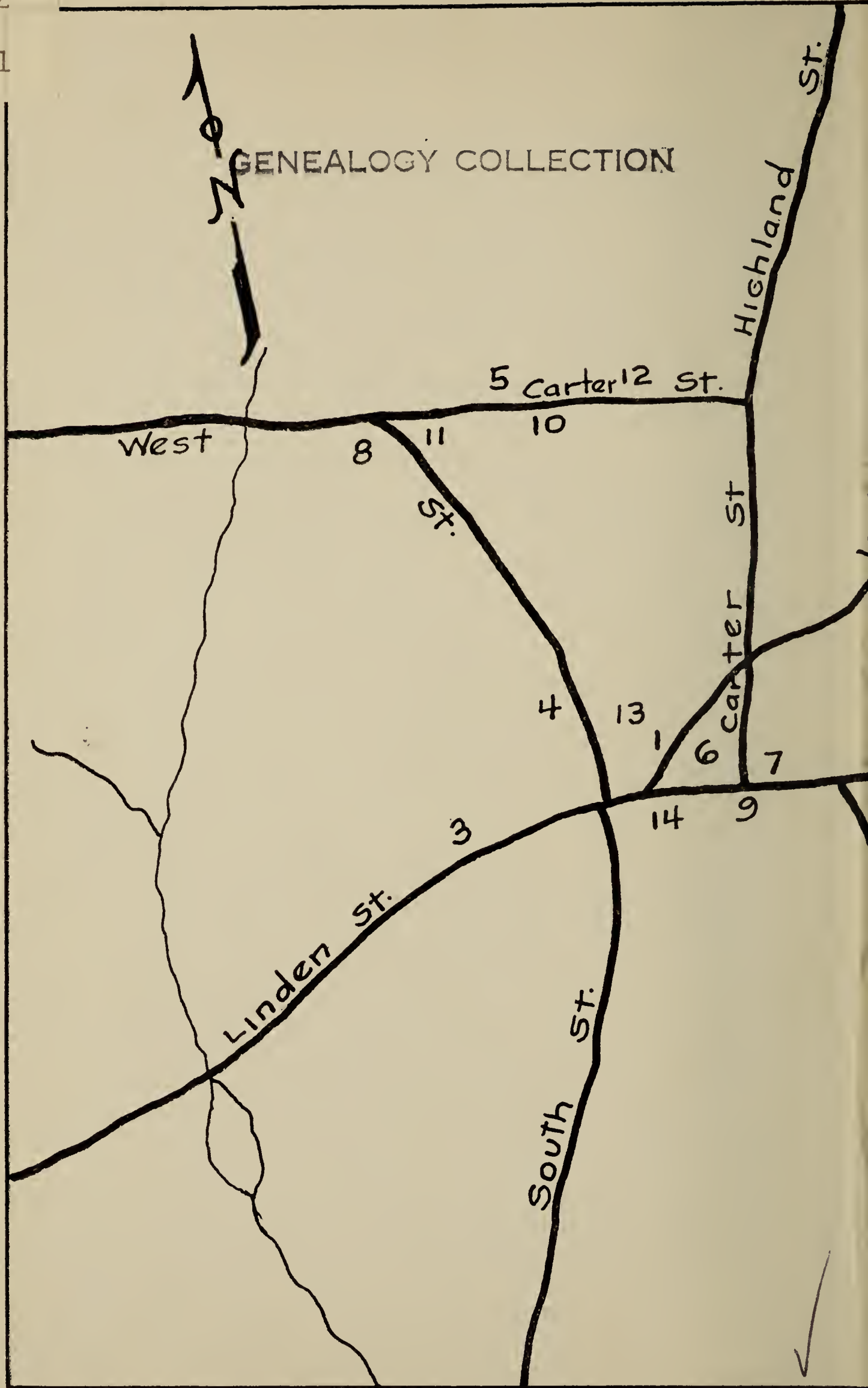


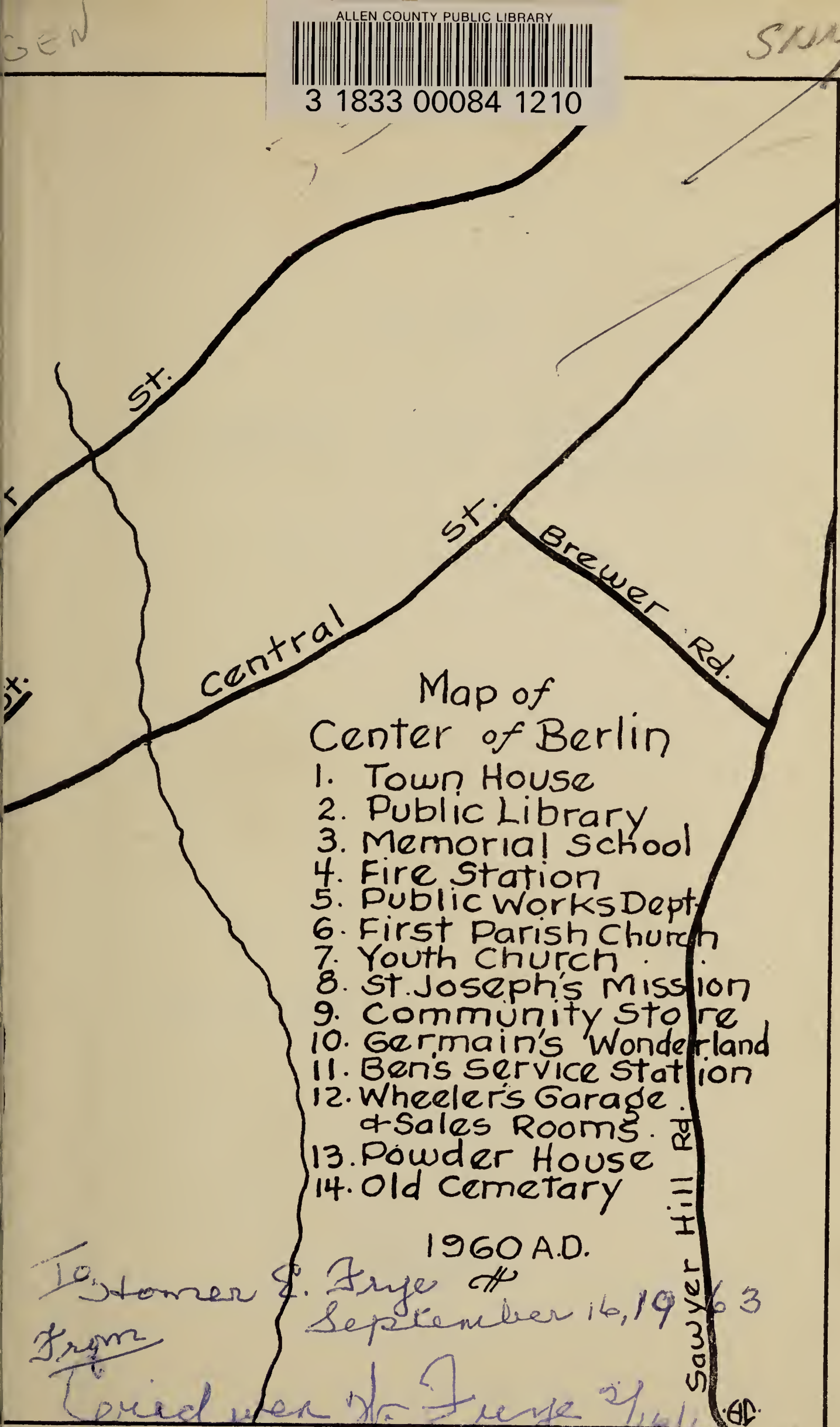
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of the
TOWN OF BERLIN

Worcester County, Mass.

From 1784 to 1959

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TO
THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS of the TOWN OF BERLIN
Who have an interest in the Town,

AND

To the observation of the 175th anniversary of the
incorporation of the DISTRICT of BERLIN
and the NAMING thereof in 1784,
This volume is respectfully dedicated.

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PREFACE

The project of a revised History of the Town of Berlin developed from an assignment on the Writers' Project of the W.P.A., dated February 17, 1936. Through the courtesy of Robert H. Bryan, Frederick A. Krackhardt was employed as agent for Berlin, to contribute material for the *Massachusetts Guide to Its Places and People* (1937). From the submission of a manuscript of sixty-eight typed pages (12,257 words), the *Guide* (p. 515) printed the following line: "BERLIN . . . an agricultural community, in spite of unfavorable soil conditions. There are a few profitable orchards and dairies." No inference to these sentiments was expressed in the manuscript submitted.

The citizens of Berlin did not appreciate this insertion. To compensate for this "scar" the Worcester District Office of the Writers' Project proposed to compile a History of Berlin. A committee, consisting of William S. Eager, Maude A. Sawyer, and Herbert L. Wheeler was appointed by the Selectmen to review the material of the manuscript and make arrangements for its publication. The committee was later enlarged to include Charles J. G. Hubbard, Mrs. Charles M. Field and Elmer C. Lewis.

Application was made to the Federal Writers' Project of the W.P.A. for a contract to publish a History of the Town of Berlin. Selectman Lemuel D. Carter signed the application papers on February 24, 1939. The contract forms were signed and presented to Miss Kathleen M. Burns, District Supervisor of the Writers' Project in Worcester, on September 9, 1940.

The material for the manuscript was completed, typed and submitted to Mrs. Muriel E. Hawks, State Supervisor of the Massachusetts Writers' Project, in Boston. The State Supervisor requested the surrender of the carbon copy of the manuscript, also. Then, the Writers' Project "folded up" in June of 1942. That was the decease of this "Project." We do not know whether the corpse was submerged in the Atlantic or cremated. Only

fragmentary notes and a memory remained of this Berlin History.

At the Town Meeting of February 7, 1949, it was proposed by Mr. J. Adams Puffer that we resume compiling the History of Berlin. Thus under Article 37 of the Town Warrant of March 6, 1950, it was "voted to appoint a committee of three, to bring the "History of Berlin" up to date; Mr. Frederick A. Krackhardt to be chairman and empowered to select the other two members; and to appropriate \$500.00 from the excess and deficiency account for this purpose." Mrs. Flora E. Smith and Miss Frances E. Rice were chosen as the other two members of the Committee. Mrs. Priscilla F. Jewett replaced the late Frances E. Rice.

The Committee wishes to make grateful acknowledgment to the many persons who contributed of their time, materials, and recollections to this "History of Berlin." Some, however, because of their special interest and contribution, deserve our particular thanks. Among these are the names of William S. Eager, Charles J. G. Hubbard, Arthur Hastings, J. Adams Puffer, Sarah H. Dudley, Edward F. Greene, M. Reed Tyler, Forrest E. Day, Henry A. Wheeler, Herbert L. Wheeler, L. Ada Berry, Edith R. S. Sawyer, Edna Z. Guertin, and Ella Howe.

Very special thanks is extended to Harris G. Field, who, while Town Clerk, gave of his time to permit access to the vault, safes, and records of the Town. Credit goes to Eleanor I. Campbell and Louise D. Kent for the endleaf maps.

Not only residents of Berlin, but also residents of neighboring towns who had a keen interest and knowledge of Berlin, gave valuable information for the records. Among these were Francis A. Sawyer and Dr. Frederick L. Weis of Lancaster, George L. Wright, Town Clerk of Boylston, Hiram Harlow of Shrewsbury, and Christopher S. White, Walter Irving Dunn, and Eugene H. Jaquith of Clinton.

FREDERICK A. KRACKHARDT, *Chairman*
FLORA E. SMITH
PRISCILLA F. JEWETT

A HISTORY OF BERLIN (1895–1959)

Foreword

Berlin Today

Berlin (Mass.) of today is serenely nestled within the shadows of the encircling folds of the verdant rangy hills, to the south of the Wataquadock, whose valleys drain south-eastwardly into the Assabet.

It is located in the extreme eastern border of Worcester County, touching Middlesex County with its eastern boundary. Situated near the middle of the north and south line of the county, at latitude $42^{\circ}-22'-54.9''$, and longitude $71^{\circ}-38'-12.7''$. The elevation at the foot of the steps leading into the Town Hall is 326.5 feet above mean sea level. The average elevation is 393.6 feet; the highest point is on Mt. Pisgah (at the Northboro line) 720 feet; and the lowest point is 210 feet at the Marlboro line on the Assabet River. The level of Gates Pond is 360 feet, approximately a 35-foot water-head for Berlin Center. (Figures from Geographical Directory of Worcester County, 1949).

Berlin is bounded on the east by Hudson and Marlboro of Middlesex County; on the south by Marlboro and Northboro; on the west by Boylston and Clinton; and on the north by Bolton and a section of Hudson. Thus a bound stone in the eastern line has the distinction of being the point of convergence of two towns (Hudson and Marlboro) of Middlesex County and Berlin of Worcester County. A similar three-point bound stone is located in the north and south ends of the eastern line, but in each case only one town of Middlesex County is concerned.

The Town is situated thirteen miles north-east of Worcester, the county seat, and thirty-two miles due west of Boston, the capital of the state. Its territorial limits of 13.18 square miles

have remained practically the same since its incorporation as a town in 1812. After almost three hundred years of settlement, the Town may still be classed as a rural residential community, with suburban conveniences. A splendid example of a colonial town, typical of eastern Massachusetts; to which many turn for their summer residence.

Its 8,437.1 acres, of which 8,329.4 is land and 107.7 is water, checkered with wooded areas, pasture lands, fruitful fields and dotted by its 391 dwellings, makes an ideal, attractive abode for its 1,516 population (1955 census); an average of 115 per square mile of territory.

While it is estimated that the principal business of the community is farming, a large per cent of its inhabitants are employed in the neighboring towns and cities. This practice is made possible by the fine network of forty miles of modern improved roads which connect with every home. These converge upon the main lines of travel, which consist of State No. 62, passing through the Town from east to west; and Pleasant Street leading south to connect with U.S. No. 20 and State No. 9.

Commodity supplies for the community are obtainable from the General Stores of the New England Stores System at the Center. There are also well-equipped stores in the South and West sections of Berlin. Or, if one prefers to trade in the neighboring towns of Clinton, Hudson, or Northboro, or the cities of Marlboro, Worcester, or Boston, there are 778 registered motor vehicles in town that will swish one to his destination.

Freight service is maintained over the B & M R.R. and the NY, NH & H R.R. The American Railway Express will deliver packages to West Berlin homes from the Clinton Express Office. The Clinton Auto Express, Inc. conducts a daily service between Clinton and Boston, by means of which articles may be transported from the sales rooms to the home of the customer. So it is convenient and economical to live in Berlin.

William A. Emerson, in his *Fireside Legends*, gives expression to these sentiments: "The world looks with wonder on the dikes of Holland, the wall of China, and the pyramids of Egypt, but I do not hesitate to say that the results produced by the small, scattered population of the American colonies,—in tearing up the wilderness by the roots, transferring the rocks, with which the

surface was covered, into walls, good roads and bridges, and converting a sterile waste into fertile fields, blossoming with verdure, grain and fruitage; is a more wonderful monument of human industry and perseverance than them all."

These words are a true expression of the tenacity and faith of the early settlers of Berlin, in their adaptation to their environment. The Berlin of Today is a typical modern rural suburban community. Some three hundred years of development has wrought a wonderful adjustment to the present regime.

Evidence of the Colonial formative period exist, but these are shrouded in vestures of modern beauty and symmetry. The frames of the Old Town House, the First Center School, Evangelical Church (Berlin Academy), part of Ye Jones' Inn, and Howe's Tavern still abide, although these occupy new locations and have been transformed into modern dwellings and apartments.

The population has increased from thirty-two families at the time of the establishment of the South Parish of Bolton (1778) by bounds, according to the following figures:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>
1790	512	1860	1106	1920	868
1800	590	1870	1016	1925	1071
1810	591	1880	987	1930	1075
1820	625	1890	884	1940	1057
1830	692	1900	895	1945	1119
1840	763	1905	906	1950	1348
1850	866	1910	904	1955	1514

The original Yankee settlers (Sawyer, Jones, Houghton, Howe, Spofford, Rice, Taylor, Wheeler, etc.) have been supplemented by those of many other national origins. This cosmopolitan group are so mutually interwoven into the social fabric of the community that it makes a congenial unit. These citizens have learned the value of the motto—"In Union There Is Strength."

With the increase of population there would naturally be an increase in the number of dwellings to house these people. According to the Assessors' Report of 1875, there were 209 dwelling houses, 117 of which were connected with farms. By 1949 the number had increased to 327 and the next year (1950) 334 were reported, while in 1952 the number had risen to 355; the number

has been boosted to 391 in 1954, with many more houses under construction. These rural homes, provided with the modern conveniences, operated by electricity, gas and oil, vie with many palatial residences of the metropolis.

As the name (Berlin) implies—"a free and open space" and its nearness to nature appeals to many people. The joy of residing in modern Berlin is fittingly expressed by Mr. Henry H. Harper, who, for several years, had his summer home on Sawyer Hill. In his *Letters from an Outsider to an Insider*, he penned the following: "You don't have to be a poet to like the freshness and fragrance of the country in springtime; and I look forward to apple-blossom time as a youngster looks forward to the Santa Claus season. . . . I like the old-time simplicity and freedom of country life as contrasted with the bustle and worry of urban life; and especially in summer, I much prefer the rural quietude as against the rumble of the city streets. . . . Then, too, I enjoy having my city friends come out for weekend parties. I like to see them expand their chests with pure, fresh air; and I have a certain vainglory in hearing them expatiate on the view from the front lawn."

The hills and valleys of Berlin are shrouded with forests, orchards, farms, and dwellings of its liberty-loving people. Stand on the ledgy platform of "Powder House" Hill, and view the spacious intervale of rich fertile fields, banked by Sawyer Hill on the east and Barnes Hill on the west. Then turn, facing northward, and "lift up your eyes to the (Wheeler) hills," dotted with their majestic gardens of truck-crops, pasture lands and orchards. And surely, under these surroundings we may visualize Samuel F. Smith's inspiration, and quote:

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that a-bove.

Wallace Nutting writes in his *Massachusetts Beautiful*, these pleasing lines: "To the writer, the heart of Worcester County

has in its orchards and streams more beauty, perhaps, than the Berkshires themselves. . . . The gentle slopes of Berlin . . . are thoroughly satisfactory.”

With these brief remarks, we venture to introduce you to our Beautiful Berlin. The Town stands ready for your inspection, adamant upon the foundation of its history and heritage. In this spirit we wish to continue the *History of Berlin* which was laid down in 1895, after the death of its author—the Rev. William A. Houghton. Since that period, life in Berlin has experienced many transitions. The way of life has been revolutionized. The following are some of the commodities which Berlin did *not* possess prior to 1895:

The telephone and the telephone system, or the Rural Free Delivery.

Electric light and power with all of its applications.

Naming of the streets and roads and their modern construction and maintenance, also the Town Barn with its equipment.

Automobiles, trolley lines and buses.

Wachusett Aqueduct of the Metropolitan Water Supply tunneled through the town. Gates Pond was surrendered to Hudson for a water supply.

Civic utilities—the Australian Ballot System and Woman Suffrage.

Welfare Department and Nashoba Health Association.

Lyman School for Boys, Library Building, Memorial School Building and Worcester County Extension Service.

The Fire Department and its equipment, remodeling and repairs on the Town House.

Modern poultry farms, 1790 Turkey Farm and Sheep Ranch.

Modern dairy farms and modern fruit orchards, the Chedco Farms, Inc.

McCann's and Lovely Farms Ice Cream Plant, Berlin Mushroom Plant, Potas Tape-Weaving Concern, Coldwell's Inc. Building Supplies.

Establishment of the First Parish Church (Federated) and St. Joseph's Mission and their allied organizations.

Various patriotic, civic and social organizations instituted to develop their specific interests.

All of these items will be treated in the chapters of this volume. We love our Berlin, and hope that you, too, one and all, may learn to love and admire her, as you peruse these pages, or perchance stroll, motor, or visit our community. It has learned from the past and looks eagerly toward the future, with a conscience void of offense. So with William Allen White, we say: "I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love to-day."

As a climax to the praise of Berlin, we present a poem, composed by a late loving citizen of Berlin, drawn from a heart of experience.

BEAUTIFUL BERLIN

Clara S. Eager

The beautiful brooks of Berlin!
How I have danced beside them,
Down through the lush, green meadows
Gathering spoil of their flow.

The reverent woods of Berlin!
How I have knelt within them,
How they have whelmed me with kindness,
Leading me onward and onward
Thrilled with the ardor of worship.

The aspiring hills of Berlin!
My homing feet in the twilight
Seek for the little paths
That led me upward in sunshine.

The meandering roads of Berlin!
Far and afar they have lured me,
Promising vistas of beauty,
Soothing my soul into quiet.

O dear and beloved Mother Berlin!
Never again shall I follow
All the sweet pathways of my fancy,
By brookside and woodland and hill top!

September 19, 1935

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY FEATURES

When the Committee from the South Parish of Bolton petitioned the General Court to grant them the status of a District, it became necessary to select a name for the same. After much deliberation and discussion, they chose the name of BERLIN, in honor of the capital of Germany, and pronounced it Bur'-lin, with the accent on the first syllable.

The question is often asked, Why, in contrast to its English-labeled neighboring towns, did they choose this name? It set a precedent and became the first Berlin in the United States. At this period, in the wake of the Revolutionary War, the temperament of the Colonial mind was not favorable to English memorials. The Committee preferred to honor the friend of George Washington. Frederick, the Great, had taken great interest in the American Revolution and its Commander-in-Chief and he became the first sovereign to conclude a commercial treaty with the United States and presented George Washington with a "sword" as a token of his friendship.

Another possible influence directing the selection of the name of BERLIN was the gratitude for services rendered by Baron Friedrick Wilhelm Ludolf Gerhard Augustin von Steuben. He held the rank of Lieutenant-General under Frederick the Great of Prussia, came to Portsmouth, N. H., in December of 1777, and offered his services to the new nation. By means of his drilling and training "a new American army was born on the bleak plateau of Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-8". (See "From Lexington to Liberty" by Bruce Lancaster, 1953). Many Veterans were founders of this new District of Berlin.

The word, Berlin, is translated to mean, "free or open space";

this, likewise, interests our interpretation. Some attempts have been made to change the name. As, for instance, in 1917, some lad petitioned the Governor to take action on the name. Whereupon, our honorable Selectmen replied: "We are satisfied and honored with the name and since our town has made an honorable response to all calls for national service, and, furthermore, since there is a Keizer (Roy L.) from Berlin (Mass.) on an American U-boat, hunting the other Kaizer's sub-marines, we are contented to struggle along under the same name." So, thus, the town is still listed in the Postal Guide, tourists guides, and time tables as Berlin, Massachusetts.

The territory comprising the Town of Berlin, with the exception of a strip of Marlboro, along the Assabet River, was originally of Lancaster. This section of wilderness, prior to 1643, was solely inhabited by a small tribe of Indians called the Nashaways or Nashawoys. They had their headquarters between the two Washacum Ponds. Probably at certain seasons of the year there were several outlying families. One of these, the Wataquadocks clan, was in the habit of camping east of Clamshell Pond. Evidences of their sojourn are found in the ledges and lands of the Larkin estate, Boylston Road, and also about Dewey Park off West Street near the Clinton-Berlin line.

The pestilence, which had proved so destructive to the Algonquin Tribes as a whole, had reduced them to probably fifteen or sixteen families, and they had been forced to fight with the marauding Mohawks and had been defeated by them. Consequently, they calculated that if they could persuade some of the white men to come and live among them, they would receive protection in times of invasion.

Accordingly, in good faith, Sholan, the chief of the tribe, made frequent visits to Watertown, and urged that a settlement should be made in this vicinity. Finally, eighty square miles of land (a rectangular section running ten miles N-S and eight miles E-W) was purchased of the Indians by a Company of some six men which had been formed. This purchase was sanctioned by the General Court and was known as the Nashaway Plantation.

Forthwith a trading post or trucking house was established on George Hill (of Lancaster) in 1643, under the name of Symonds and King. This locality chanced to be a meeting place of several

Indian tribes where they could carry on their bartering trade with them.

In 1645, John Prescott, another member of the Nashaway Plantation, sold his house and lands in Watertown, and moved his family and such possessions as he deemed necessary to the east side of George Hill, now known as Maplehurst. For thirty-one years this farmer, millwright, and blacksmith struggled to conceive and build a town.

In the records of the General Court there is found the following entry dated 1652: "Considering that there is already at Nashaway about 9 familyes, & that seueral, both freeman & others intend to goe & settle there, some whereof are named in their petition, this Court doth hereby giue & graunt them libertyes of a townshipp." The prayer of the petitioners was answered by an act of incorporation, dated May 18, 1653, and the town of Lancaster was rated with Middlesex County. The name of Lancaster was given to the town, in remembrance, perhaps, of the English County in which John Prescott was born.*

From this eighty square mile tract, twelve towns were eventually formed, either entirely or in part. They were as follows, grouped in sequence of date of incorporation:

Lancaster	1653	Boxboro	1783
Marlboro	1660	Boylston	1786
Harvard	1732	West Boylston	1805
Bolton	1738	Berlin	1812
Leominster	1740	Clinton	1850
Sterling	1781	Hudson	1866

Within twelve years after the incorporation of Lancaster, settlements began to be made on Berlin territory. John Moore of Sudbury was a land proprietor of Lancaster, and in 1665 he built a new house southeast of Wataquadock. The house was destroyed by fire in 1888. This stood on Kelley Hill, at the northwest corner of Carr and Randall roads. It was still standing in 1676 when Mrs. Mary Rowlandson and her rescue party returned from their captivity following the Indian raid and slaughter of February 1675-76 in Lancaster.

* Worcester was "erected, granted, and made" a County Seat by the General Court, April 2, 1731, so that the records prior to 1731 will be found in Concord, of Middlesex County.

In her *Narrative* she writes: "We went on to a farm house, that was yet standing, where we lay down all night; and a comfortable lodging we had, though nothing but straw to lie on." For "not one house was left standing" in Lancaster, "not even the meeting house."

Although the Town of Lancaster had been incorporated, there were so few "freemen" that in 1657 the General Court appointed a commission of three men to order the affairs of the Town. Members of the church were the only ones allowed to vote and carry on the Town business. For nearly twenty years the building of the Town of Lancaster proceeded with comparative harmony. The white men and the red men jointly occupied the valley of the Nashua. Deeds reserved for them their "usual hunting, fishing, and planting places." While Sholan lived, the two races were helpful to each other.

It was during the rule of "King Philip" of the Wampanoags that the real trouble occurred between the colonists and the Indians. He perceived and published that the red man's birth-right was being gradually taken from him, and that they must organize and rally to defend these rights. The assault, raid, and destruction of the Lancaster settlement on February 10, 1676, as referred to in Mrs. Rowlandson's *Narrative*, was a climax of their planning.

For a few years the town was without a white inhabitant. But in October of 1679 the Middlesex County Court appointed a committee to renew the settlement. Not until June of 1684 was any move made toward forming a new church.

During this period no settlers ventured as far south as Berlin territory. But to the south of Berlin, which at that time was in the Town of Marlboro, there had been established at least four farms with dwellings (along River Road) bordering the Assabet River. These were known as the Nathaniel Wheeler place, The 1790 Farm, the Danford Tyler place, and the Newsome place (or Risi Cement Block Factory). These farms were operated by Job and Henry Kerley, Samuel Jones, Sr., Solomon Keyes, and Joseph Rice, in the early 1700's.

On the western border of the town of Berlin Philip Larkin settled about 1710, building his house on the south side of "Snake Hill," off the Boylston Road.

To the north we are told that Jabez Fairbanks was, probably, the first settler on the Fairbanks place, at the corner of Highland Street and Randall Road. It is recorded that Jabez was born in 1694. If he settled here at his majority, that would make it the year 1715. Another early settler was John Houghton, 3rd, who located on Pleasant Street where Mrs. Leslie M. Frye resides. He sold the 120-acre farm, near the "Great Brook," which is the "land on which said John Houghton, Jr., has built and now liveth," to Benj. Bailey. (This transaction is dated July 1, 1715.)

Bailey
Sold
to
Goddard

By the year 1730, the growth of Lancaster had progressed so far that several sections wished to break away and set up an *independent* town of their own. So, in 1733, the inhabitants of the southeasterly part of Lancaster sent in a petition to the town asking consent to set up a new township. Finally, an act to incorporate the town of Bolton was passed by the General Court of Massachusetts on June 24, 1738.

By this act Berlin changed her allegiance from Lancaster to Bolton, and for the next forty years was an intricate part of Bolton, sharing many important offices and obligations. But some of the more progressive individuals, who were concerned in creating a civic nucleus in Berlin, lived in that section along the Assabet River, which was a possession of Marlboro. There was Samuel Jones, Sr., living on the "Danford Tyler" place. His son, Samuel, was born there in 1726. He married Mehitable Brigham of Marlboro in 1748, and in the same year purchased of Benj. Bailey 137 acres, which included within its limits a large portion of the present central village of Berlin.

It was through the initiatory steps of Samuel Jones that the General Court was persuaded to set off the prescribed southerly part of the town of Bolton "as a separate Parish" and whereby the *South Parish of Bolton* was created on April 13, 1778.

There is no doubt but that Samuel Jones and his colleagues had in mind the establishment of a local independent government; but they also knew that this must be accomplished through the name of the Church. So they petitioned the General Court "to be set off as a separate Parish, in order that it might be more convenient for them to attend the Public Worship of God." Now this "inconvenience" is supposed to be interpreted as a matter of distance and road conditions between the southern part of the

town and the Meetinghouse at Bolton Center, but to Mr. Jones and his associates, there was a far deeper "inconvenience" which they did not care or dare to pen into their prayer to the General Court. This was the *Goss-Walley* controversy which had been fermenting since 1770. While this appeared to be an ecclesiastical conflict, it had a political core—this Jones knew.

As the late Rev. Joseph N. Pardee says in his article, *Thomas Goss vs. the Inhabitants of Bolton*, "The invisible root of the trouble, the root that patriots did not care to expose to the King's spies, was that Mr. Goss was a staunch Royalist in politics, as well as an autocrat in the church." The sentiment of the early Berlin community was expressed by Capt. Samuel Jones as he participated in his family devotions, by praying "That the Lord would overturn and overturn, till Goss should lose his case and Walley have his place."

For the next six years the inhabitants of the south half of Bolton enjoyed their Parish government, but they still were a part of the Town of Bolton, and all town affairs had to be conducted from this center. In the meantime the population had increased to eighty families or about 500 souls, so that they deemed it fitting to make the next move towards an independent government.

So again under the leadership of Samuel Jones and several other citizens experienced in public affairs (among whom were Ephraim Fairbanks, Esq., Hon. Samuel Baker, and Joshua Johnson), they petitioned the General Court to incorporate the South Parish of Bolton and a section of Marlboro into a District of Berlin. This act was completed on March 16, 1784. They were still required to be represented in the General Court jointly with Bolton, and for their failure to send a Representative in 1790 the Town of Bolton and the District of Berlin were fined. The District of Berlin's proportionate share of this fine was 44 pounds and 14 shillings, ordered to be collected by Constable James Goddard, Jr.

To this District territory there was added the estate of Peter Larkin, consisting of approximately 144 acres, from Lancaster, dated Feb. 3, 1790. This tract was *never* a part of the Town of Bolton, lying west of the Bolton-Lancaster line, and accounts for

that rectangular protrusion in the western boundary through which the Boylston road runs.

Another addition was made in 1806 (Feb. 15) when the bounds between the District of Berlin and the Town of Northboro were established, whereby part of each was annexed to the other. This transfer gave Berlin the James R. Parks estate in South Berlin, which included the mills and the (Wheeler) Mill Pond, located on the North Brook.

With this territory, consisting of thirteen square miles, or approximately 8,138 acres, and a population of 591 souls, they looked forward to the time when they should become a real, independent town. The realization of their ambition was accomplished in February of 1812 when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed upon the following bill:

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE DISTRICT OF BERLIN INTO
A TOWN BY THE NAME OF BERLIN

Article I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by authority of the same; that the District of Berlin, in the County of Worcester, be and hereby is, incorporated a town by the name of *Berlin*, subject to the like duties and requirements, and vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which other towns do or may enjoy, agreeably to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth.

The wording of this act was recorded in the Town Records of Berlin on March 11, 1812, by Dexter Fay, Town Clerk.

Topography

Berlin has been referred to as the "Hill Town," but it is not solely a rugged terrain any more than the neighboring towns of this section. These hills are interspersed with many valleys, large tracts of cultivated highlands, and rolling, fertile intervalles.

To the north of Berlin, in Bolton, there is the ridge of the Wataquadock; from this elevation three spurs project southward into Berlin like the toes of a huge bird. These are, reading from the west to the east, Barnes, Wheeler, and Sawyer Hills. The Barnes Hill spur leads off from Wataquadock (660 feet) at

Peach Hill at an elevation of 600 feet, and gradually descends southwesterly into Baker's Hill at the Stone House (580 feet). This spur is broken at the foot of Potas Hill (near the Berlin Mushroom Plant and Harriman's Spa) by the waters of the North Brook. Just beyond the New Haven Railroad crossing on Route 62 (290 feet) Barnes Hill proper gradually rises to a height of 540 feet and then continues to rise in Ball Hill to 605 feet at the Northboro-Berlin line. Then bearing somewhat southeast we ascend the slopes of Mt. Pisgah whose pinnacle is 720 feet above sea level, but at the Berlin line it is about 700 feet.

The Wheeler Hill spur bears off from Wataquadock at the Bolton-Berlin line and Carr Road at a point known as Rubber Station (480 feet), and continues to rise, bearing southwardly, to a height of 526 feet; then it declines to the level of the B & M Railroad (approximately 330 feet) and then, as a final punch, there stands Powder House Hill towering to 390 feet and, at its base, the Town House registers 326.5 feet above sea level. From this point southward to the Assabet River lies the great intervalle tracts bordered on the west and east, respectively, by the Barnes and Sawyer Hill ranges.

The eastern spur, or Sawyer Hill, branches off from Wheeler Hill near William Wheeler's farm and then seems to emerge from Hog Swamp (340 feet), and as it stretches southeastward it gains a height of 489 feet. This range comes to an abrupt terminus at River Road, a few yards east of Danford Tyler's residence, where the waters of the Assabet have built their lowlands.

One stream, the North Brook, with its tributaries, drains the territory of Berlin. The main stream has its source in the Wataquadock Hill and flows through the lowlands west of the Barnes range until it reaches the cut in West Berlin where it crosses over to the east side of the range. From here it follows a southeasterly course, through the broad intervalle lands, and finally empties into the Assabet River in South Berlin near the farm of Danford B. Tyler.

This drainage of Berlin finds its way to the Atlantic Ocean by way of the following system of rivers. The Assabet and Sudbury Rivers join the Concord River at Concord, which empties into the Merrimack at Lowell and finds its way to the Atlantic Ocean

near Newburyport, Mass. The Nashua River empties into the Merrimack at Nashua, N. H. Chace Street in Clinton forms a watershed, so that all water to its north flows into the Nashua, and the water to its south drains into the North Brook system. The west fork to the North Brook is an outlet from Clamshell Pond which circumscribes Snake Hill and empties into the North Brook at the north end of McCann's Pond on West Street.

A second feeder to the North Brook is the Coburn Brook. This originates in the springy land near the Stone House of Peach Hill Road and flows southward, east of Coburn Road, to Hale's Pond, where it crosses West Street at Coburn Road and joins the North Brook on land of Hermon L. Sawyer.

A third tributary of the North Brook, formerly known as "Wimpee's Brook," should be called "Wheeler's Brook" for it rises on Wheeler land, off Highland Street, opposite the "Berry" homestead and flows southward crossing Walnut and Central Streets. It is joined by Brewer's Brook on land of Bryant Zwicker, thence it continues southward crossing Pleasant Street near the Leslie Frye homestead, and soon joins the North Brook south of the A. Eason Coulson house.

Along the course of the North Brook several ponds have been created by the building of dams for commercial purposes. Of these there are McCann's Pond in West Berlin and Wheeler's pond in South Berlin. There is one large natural pond within the limits of Berlin. This is Gates Pond, called "Kequasagansett" by the Indians. This beautiful lake, one mile long by one-half mile wide, lies at the eastern base of Sawyer Hill and is approximately 360 feet above sea level. It was once a favorite resort for pleasure seekers and picnic parties in the summer season but in 1883 it was taken over by the Town of Hudson as their source of a water system. At that time the area of the pond was ninety acres with a watershed of 141 acres. In 1898 a new dam was constructed which gave it an additional depth of two feet and increased its watershed by twenty acres. The pond is fed by springs and it drains at the south end through a brook into the Assabet River near the "1790 Farm."

A romantic work of nature is revealed in the "Forty Caves" which lie about midway between the New Haven tracks and Allen Road, about one mile from West Street. Here is a ravine

cut through solid rock which exposes cliffs and precipices some fifty feet in height, rent by numerous crevices and perforated by many caverns—the work of ages. Upon these walls of native granite, with its component elements, the geologist may find glacier scratches six inches deep. These scenic quarters furnish splendid picnic grounds as well as a gallery for scientific study. It is a miniature Purgatory.

The Indian Story

Probably there were no established settlements or villages of the Indians in the territory of Berlin, such as the one at the eastern base of Mt. Wachusett, or that on the little plateau between the two Washacum Lakes, or the nearer settlement at “Five Corners” at the angle near the meeting of the two branches of the Nashua River, but there is an abundance of evidence of their sojourn in seasonable campings and their roaming in their hunting and fishing projects.

For untold centuries they enjoyed the natural resources of Berlin territory prior to the settlement of the white man. Even when their chief, Sholan, contracted with a Company of speculators from Watertown to sell them an eighty square mile tract he reserved the rights to their hunting, fishing, and planting grounds, and they continued to occupy our territory until they were driven out after the conclusion of the King Philip War by the increase of white settlements.

The evidences of their sojourn are both physical and traditional. The members of Nashaway tribe of Lancaster to the north and the Ockoocangansett tribe of Marlboro to the south used Berlin territory as a happy meeting grounds. As W. E. Parkhurst says in his *Indian Paths and Trails*, “They had their hunting grounds and they had well-trodden roads from one mounded village to its neighbor.” Thus we could reconstruct this well-trodden trail between the Nashaways and the Ockoocangansetts by following the course of the North Brook through Berlin and fording the Assabet near the 1790 Farm.

When reminded that there were no railroads in those days an old settler replied: “Law no! There wa’nt no railroads in those days, but when they came to building them, they followed the

trail the hull way." Here we observe that not only did the Old Colony (NY, NH & H R.R.) take advantage of this trail through Berlin, but also the aqueduct of the Metropolitan Water System and the high tension lines of the New England Power follow the same course.

Furthermore, a trail connecting the Wataquadock settlement near Clamshell Pond with Gates Pond may be traced eastward over Boylston Road and connecting ways to the foot of Brewer Road and on over Sawyer Hill to Gates Pond. From thence, by following the course of the outlet to Gates Pond southward to the Assabet, we meet again their neighbors, the Ockoocangansetts. They also would meet their neighbors at Gates Pond.

Another trail, along whose route many evidences of the former presence of Indians have been found, is from the Wataquadock Hills to Kequasagansett (Gates Pond). This trail may be well traced from the hills over the approximate roads of Carr and Randall, then crossing Highland Street and continuing overland by Hog Swamp, connecting with Gates and Fosgate Roads to Gates Pond.

Of course an interlacing of paths were scattered over the entire Berlin territory, so that Indian relics have been found in various parts. On the Larkin estate near the homes of the late Ella Howe and Warren Larkin of Boylston Road, at the base of cliffs and ledges, are the (reputed) Indian ovens on the traditional camping grounds of the Wataquadock Tribe. Many relics of arrowheads, skinning flints, bludgeons, stone hammer heads, and scalping knives have been found on Snake Hill. Many of these specimens have been placed in the Worcester Historical Society.

Another section which is rich in Indian lore is Hog Swamp. It was here that the Indians had a splendid hunting territory. It was through the courtesy of J. Adams Puffer and Danford B. Tyler that we learned of the discovery of such as skinning stones, flints, bludgeons, and other hunting implements in this locality.

On Wheeler Hill the late F. Sherman Wheeler found a rare and remarkable arrowhead. This was not a native flint but an obsidian, hard and brittle, with vitreous luster, similar to stone found in Colorado. This relic is now in the possession of the Berlin Art and Historical Society.

Throughout the territory south of Gates Pond, on the lands of the late Waldo L. Wheeler and Myron S. Wheeler, many Indian relics have been found. The late Arthur Hastings had reported many findings on his farm in South Berlin. These included flint arrowheads, mortars, Indian corn bowls and pestle. On the stone wall in front of his residence there was an Indian head cut from a stone found on his farm.

Near the confluence of the North Brook with the Assabet River, upon land of Danford B. Tyler, there is a mound reputed to have been a burying place of the Indians. On a plot of land off River Road bordering on the Assabet River there is evidence of an Indian camp where many stone chips have been found such as would have been thrown off in the making of arrowheads and other stone implements.

When the English colony from Sudbury took possession of their grant (of Marlboro) in 1656 they found not only Indian corn fields but Indian apple orchards in a bearing state.

Following the subjugation of the Indians by the conclusion of the King Philip and French and Indian Wars a few members of Indian groups continued to visit and wander over Berlin territory. Several current stories are told relative to this period which give us a more personal view of the Indian story. It is said to have been a common practice at the home of Peter Larkin of Boylston Road to leave the door unlatched; and oftentimes an Indian or more would drop in after nightfall, lie down before the fireplace, sleep and rest; then at the break of day continue on his journey. The family of Reuben Hastings, who lived on West Street near the Clinton line, in Dewey Park, tells a similar story.

It was through these visitations that the inhabitants of Berlin learned of many habits in the life of these Indians. For instance, the late Mr. Clarence Carville told this story, learned through previous generations: One day one of these wandering Indians informed them that the campsite of the Wataquadock Tribe was near Clamshell Pond and that they brought their deceased chief here, and he was buried west of Carville switch on Route 70, which is now covered by the dike of the Wachusett Reservoir. Likewise, the late Arthur Hastings told that through earlier settlers he learned that upon his farm land near the Assabet River there was a settlement of Indians.

It is related that as late as 1735 Josiah Sawyer, as he passed by on his homeward journey from his clearing on Sawyer Hill, was frightened by an Indian who was resting at the Sleeping Rock.

In his book, *Indian Names and Places in Worcester County* (1905), Mr. Lincoln N. Kinnicutt preserves for us the meaning of several of the Indian terms of our locale. *Wataquadock*, "Branches of trees or wood for fuel" and "Field or land which is cultivated," thus signifying a tract of open land over which fallen trees were scattered—or "a wood-land." *Kequasagansett* (Gates Pond), "Earth quake" or "It (earth) trembles." *Assabet* (River), "The stream we drink from." Probably the only attempt to preserve Indian names was in the Triangular Tennis Clubs which flourished between the years of 1900 and 1917. They were the *Kequasagansett* of the Center, *Minne-wa-wa* of the west part, and the *Shanondasee* of the South Berlin section.

There are different viewpoints of the attitude of the white man toward the Indian. In Clara Endicott Sears' book, *The Great Powwow*, she expresses the humanitarian view which grants the Indian his native rights. Likewise, Mrs. Marion Fuller Safford in her work, *A Story of Colonial Lancaster*, pictures the background or cause of the conflict between the white settlers and the Indians; on the other hand Miss Harriet W. Forbush, poetess of Lancaster, expresses the view that the Indian was basically barbarous and retaliative beyond reason.

In conclusion, may we contribute Berlin's aftermath in the lines of:

THE INDIAN'S HOME-LAND

Have you ever seen our country town
With its fertile vales and wooded hills?
Spurs of grand old Wataquadock,
Once the home of Indian thrills.
Here they roamed, o'er crest and gulley
Seeking food, raiment and glee.
But their kin have long been silent,
Since our kin have gained the lea.

Have you ever traced our streamlets,
From their source, in yonder hills?

Or the West Fork from the Clamshell
To its junction at the mills?
And then follow it down the valley
'Til it joins the Assabet.
And search its shoals for remnants, from
The dwellers of Ockoocangansett.

Have you e'er sensed our crystal lake?
Called by the Indians—"Kequasagansett."
Fishing and canoeing o'er its vast expanse;
Following its outlet to the Assabet.
When at sundown, all the hylas
Throb their weird and rhythmic lay,
Like the guttural, far-off chantings
Of the Nipmunks, o'er the way.

Have you ever viewed Mount Wachusett,
Once a stronghold of Indian braves?
Like a guardian, at the gate it stands,
Silent watcher o'er their graves.
Or have you climbed fair Mount Pisgah
And scanned the "Promised Lands"?
Vouched to the Indians as "unmolested
Hunting, fishing and planting" stands.

*"Have you noticed—they have left us?
They will never more be found—
They have crossed the purple hilltops
To their Happy Hunting-Ground.
Yet, when twilight shrouds the lowlands,
And the frogs their banjos play,
I seem still to hear the singing
Of the braves of Nashaway."

* (") From *The Valley of the Nashaway Indians* by Clara E. Sears.

CHAPTER II

THE CHURCH AND RELIGION

Theoretically the Church and Religion predominate over the Political and Civic affairs of the community. Whenever the people desired to make a division or change in their political unit, they made their appeal in the name of religious worship. Thus, when the inhabitants of the southern half of the town of Bolton desired to form a new town, they worded their petition in these words: "Whereas, for the greater convenience for *attending the Public Worship of God* it is found necessary to set off a part of the town of Bolton . . . as a separate Parish."

The Parish was a political unit, but its chief concern was for the establishment of a place of worship and the selection of a minister. Thus after choosing "all the necessary Parish Officers," their next article was, "to agree upon a Meeting-house spot for said Parish," and thirdly, "to see what the Parish will do about having preaching amongst ourselves."

In the Parish meeting of September 29, 1778, it was voted "to have preaching among ourselves" and they granted one hundred pounds to support preaching and thirteen pounds, nine shillings, "to pay the incorporation expenses." At a subsequent meeting of December 24, 1778, they voted "to choose a committee to take a deed of the Meeting-house spot, on the little hill north of the road leading from Samuel Jones' house to the Samuel Rice shop, at the crotch of the roads."

This *Deed* was made by Samuel Jones who specified that "for and in consideration of the love and good which I have for the inhabitants of the South Parish in s^d Bolton, and for ye speedy settlement of the Gospel in s^d Parish, have given . . . one acre and twenty rods of land . . . for a Meeting-house place and accommodation."

In the meantime, on April 7, 1779, the South Parish Church of Bolton was organized through an ecclesiastical council consisting of delegates from the Churches of Westboro, Shrewsbury, Northboro, and Stow. Twenty-five men signed the covenant and were considered the original members. Probably the wives of the married members also belonged. These were as follows:

Josiah Sawyer, Dea.	Abijah Pratt	Fortunatus Barnes
Alexander McBride	Edward Johnson	James McBride
Daniel Bruce	Joshua Johnson	Jotham Maynard, Jr.
Benjamin Bailey	Eleazer Johnson	William Babcock
Jotham Maynard	Joshua Johnson, Jr.	Jacob Moore
John Hudson	Silas Bailey	Jonathan Meriam, Dea.
Barnabas Bailey	Phineas Howe	Barnabas Maynard
Amos Meriam	Samuel Jones	Levi Meriam
	James Goddard	

From this date (April 7, 1779) until 1836, there were two organizations that administered the affairs of the Church. The Parish, District, or Town meeting, on the one hand, concurred with the actions of the Church meeting by granting their financial support. The Church budget was raised by taxation—appropriated at the annual (Town) meeting, as prescribed under Art. III of the Constitution of Massachusetts, which required that the several towns or parishes should be taxed for “the support and maintenance of the public worship of God.”

At the Parish meeting of May 31, 1779, it was voted to grant 800 pounds, in addition to the 200 pounds previously voted for preaching, “to enable the committee to carry on building the Meetinghouse, and also instructed this committee to provide Rum, Cider, Spike Poles and other necessities for raising the Meetinghouse.”

The Meetinghouse was raised on June 16, 1779 with the customary ceremonies. The meetings for worship and for Parish business were held within the house afterwards, for some time in an unfinished state, and remained the same for several years owing to the depreciation of paper money. One dollar of silver was worth forty dollars of paper or continental money. This humble meetinghouse became the rendezvous for groups of worshipers, Parish, District, and Town Meetings, until the year 1826 when it was taken down by vote of the Town and a new building erected.

Having erected a "Meetinghouse," the next consideration was to "have preaching among us." After hearing several candidates, they voted in Parish meeting assembled, "to invite the Rev. Reuben Puffer to become their Pastor." The ordination took place on November 26, 1781, under a white oak tree on the knoll east of the Unitarian Church building.

For his services as a "settled" Pastor of the South Parish of Bolton he was to receive 160 pounds in silver money or in paper money at the common exchange, for settlement, and sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence as a yearly salary in silver money or paper money at the common exchange. They also voted him twenty cords of wood at his dwelling house, so long as he remained Minister of the Parish.

For the next half century the Church in Berlin prospered under the effective leadership of its pastor-minister. The Rev. Puffer administered to the Parish throughout its political changes from South Parish of Bolton to the District of Berlin, and to the Town of Berlin. When the territory became the District of Berlin in 1784, the Church organization became the *First Parish Church of Berlin*. It was during his ministry that the new Church Building was dedicated on November 15, 1826. This new building is a true Colonial type of structure, with a copied Bulfinch style of architecture. Its gilded dome has been (and is) used as one of the geographical positions of triangulation stations. The other two points are Tyler's Cupola (of Harper's red barn) and the peak of Mt. Pisgah.

Changing views in theology were taking place in New England. While Rev. Puffer, an advocate of the orthodox school of theology, was administering to the spiritual needs of his parish, the clouds of controversy between the orthodox and liberalist views were gathering over the settlements of Lancaster, so that when Rev. Reuben Puffer was laid to rest on April 9, 1829, and the Church began to look for another minister, they discovered the infiltration of this controversy.

As a result of this situation, when the Town chose the Rev. Robert F. Walcott (liberalist) as pastor of the First Parish Church of Berlin in January of 1830, a large number of the orthodox faith withdrew and formed the Evangelical Congregational Society of Berlin. Those of the liberalist (or Unitarian) view

continued to worship in the First Parish Church building. They had the following ministers:

Robert F. Walcott	1830-1833
David R. Lampson	1833-1840

The Evangelical Congregational Society of Berlin built for themselves a church building on Linden Street (under Powder House Hill) in 1830. This was later used by the Berlin Academy. They continued to worship here under the ministry of:

Rev. Abraham C. Baldwin	1830-1832
Michael Burdett	1833-1834
Eber S. Clarke	1835-1837
Robert Carver	1838-1842

During this venture of the two societies, the Commonwealth had been revising its statutes so that an Amendment (Art. XI) to the Constitution of Massachusetts had made the several religious societies of the Commonwealth responsible for the financing of their own organizations. This article was adopted by the General Court and approved and ratified by the people as of November 11, 1833. At the Town Meeting of April 18, 1836, it was voted "that the town relinquish all right, title and interest in and to the meetinghouse and all right to the bell and other appurtenances connected with said house." (Records, Town of Berlin, Bk. II, p. 88.) But they voted to "pass over" the article relating to the disposition of the Meetinghouse *Common*. The contention over the ownership of the Common, between the Town and Parish, continued until the year 1868, when a decision was handed down by Judge Mellen substantially in favor of the Parish.

Therefore, it is evident why the two societies decided to consider overtures for a union of the two factions and return to worship together in the First Parish Church building. This was consummated on October 25, 1843 by the settlement of Rev. Henry Adams (orthodox) a former pastor of the Hillside Church of Bolton.

This arrangement continued until November 27, 1871, when the Unitarian Society of Berlin was organized and they withdrew from the First Parish and Congregational Society. During this period, two pastors served the united church:

Rev. Henry Adams, Oct. 1843-1853

Rev. William A. Houghton, Oct. 1853 to Dec. 1878

(a ministry of 25 years in one parish)

Alfred S. Durston supplied the pulpit during 1877-1878

The Church on the Common has been designated by several names, such as Orthodox, "Congo" and, after receiving a fresh coat of paint (1895), "The White Church," and finally, "The Church." In March, 1901, the church was incorporated under the name of "The First Congregational Church of Berlin." Many changes have been made on the structure of the building since its dedication of November 15, 1826. The bell was purchased in 1827 and placed in the belfry. The following inscription was placed on the new bell in 1899:

First Congregational Church, Berlin, Mass.
First Bell, 1827 Recast, 1836 Present Bell, 1899
"Ring out the old, ring in the new.
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

The clock, the gift of Mrs. Lydia Peters to the Town, was placed in the Church tower in the spring of 1882. In 1952 the Town voted \$800.00 to modernize—the Town Clock; that is, to install electric control instead of weight operation.

The horse sheds in the rear of the Church were torn down in the fall of 1899 and replaced by a commodious barn, accessible to the public. This barn was removed to Carter Street in 1930 and became the Town Barn. In its place a three-story addition was built onto the Church building, housing the modern heating plant in the basement, modern toilets, and rear staircase on the first floor, and on the second floor, Felton Hall, which is used as a choir room.

The First Congregational Parish and Society had the following pastors between the years 1878 and 1901:

Albert B. Cristy	1879-1881
Henry Hyde	1881-1885
Charles H. Washburn	1885-1888
William A. Houghton	1888-1890 (pastor emeritus)
H. H. Osgood	1890-1892
Judson G. Spencer	1892-1893
H. F. Markham	1894-1897
Arthur Peabody Pratt	1898-1903

The First Congregational Church (since incorporation—1901) has had the following pastors:

Charles E. White	1903-1905
Charles O. Parker	1905-1910
Frederick T. Mayer-Oakes	1910-1913
John P. Marvin	1913-1914
Charles A. S. Dwight	1915-1918
Alfred S. Durston	1918-1921
Louis G. Hudson	1922-1947

Rev. C. H. Washburn was the founder and first president of the Washburn Christian Endeavor Union formed in Berlin in October, 1887.

The First Congregational Church continues to function under the First Parish Church of Berlin, a Federation of the Congregational and Unitarian Societies, since September of 1947.

First Unitarian Society

The First Unitarian Society of Berlin was organized on November 27, 1871, and their church building, located on the southeast corner of Carter and Central Streets, was dedicated on March 1, 1882. During the interim services were conducted in the Town Hall.

Herewith we submit the history of the Society as contributed by Rev. Frederick L. Weis, Th.D. (Minister of the First Church in Lancaster) in his *The History of the First Church of Christ in Lancaster, Mass. (1653-1940)*, p. 126:

The First Congregational Church of Berlin (Formerly Unitarian; now Orthodox Congregational) Founded: April 9, 1779. Rev. Reuben Puffer, D.D. (H.C., 1778); Ordained Nov. 26, 1781.

“Soon after the First Church in Berlin (or South Parish of Bolton) was organized, Mr. Puffer was ordained over it. He was a man of liberal mind, and received from Harvard College the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1810. At the time of his death, the Unitarians were in the majority and the Rev. Mr. Wallcut, an avowed Unitarian, was called in 1830. The orthodox minority seceded at that time to form a Trinitarian Congregational Church. Mr. Wallcut was succeeded as minister of the First Church by Rev. Mr. Lamson, also a Unitarian, who remained until 1840. Later, the members of the First Church (Unitarian), with more generosity than wisdom, invited the orthodox

element, which had seceded, to re-unite with them. This they did, and soon after a meeting was called, at which, by dubious means an unrepresentative group within the parish called an orthodox minister. The Unitarians were then in the position of the parents of an adopted child, who, having gotten technical, though unjust, possession, puts his parents out of their own home. As a consequence, the Unitarians, being uncomfortable in their own church, left.

“Eventually the Unitarians joined forces again and built a new church, over which, in 1872, the Rev. George W. Green was ordained.”

Their Ministers have been:

William S. Hayward of Hudson	}	June 25, 1871-October 10, 1872
I. F. Waterhouse of Clinton		
George W. Green		Nov. 1872-July 1873
Grandville Pierce		Nov. 1873-Oct. 1876
Francis S. Thatcher		Dec. 1876-1878
Sheldon C. Clark		Apr.-Sept. 1879
Cyrus A. Roys, for a few months		
William C. Litchfield		1880-1882
E. P. Gibbs	}	Supplies June 1882-Apr. 1884
H. H. Lincoln		
Obed Eldridge		
William C. Litchfield		1884-1886
I. F. Porter		1887-1888
Herbert Whitney	}	Supplies Jan. 1889-Apr. 1889
Walter Pierce		
Mary Whitney		
George F. Pratt		1890-1898
Arthur E. Wilson		1898-1902
Frank R. Gale		1903-1912
Herman F. Lion		1914-1916
Daniel M. Welch		1917-1921
Charles F. Roberts		1922-1924
Ivan A. Klein		1925-1940
Silas Bacon		1940-1943
Glen O. Canfield		-Aug. 1946
Daniel M. Welch of Clinton	}	Sept. 1946-June 1947
Frank S. Gredler		

Some three unique personalities figured in the life and dignity of the Unitarian Society and the community. On Sunday of November 13, 1842, Mr. Edward Everett Hale, the noted American clergyman and author, while yet a youth of twenty years came to Berlin and here preached his first sermon since his ordination, so he regarded it as an important date in his calendar.

Fifty years later, on November 10, 1892, Dr. Hale came here again to preach in commemoration of the anniversary. He took for his text: Eccles. 7:10 "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these?" and in his usual optimistic manner he marshaled the signs of moral and spiritual, as well as material progress, preparing the way for the coming of the Son of Man.

The Unitarian Church building was dedicated on March 1, 1882, and on this occasion Dr. Minot Savage delivered the dedication sermon. Fifty years later, on April 10, 1932, the Society observed their Fiftieth Anniversary and, at this time, Dr. Maxwell Savage of Worcester (a son of the former), preached the anniversary sermon.

The Unitarian Society maintained a Sunday School, Young Peoples' Fellowship and the Women's Alliance. The Laymen's League (Men's Club) was organized under the pastorate of Rev. Herman F. Lion in 1915, with M. Reed Tyler as its President.

The members of this society were always noted for their interest in social and civic affairs; so that it was natural for them to submit their Men's Club to the Town and, in 1916, it was organized into the Berlin Board of Trade, with Mr. M. R. Tyler as its first President. They were deeply interested in the Village Improvement Society which offered some social life as well as doing much to brighten the Center Village. They held their first meeting in September of 1900 and were disbanded in April of 1917.

The horse-sheds were built in 1896 and the floors cemented in 1905. When the need of a Community Recreation Room was urged, they converted their barn into a beautiful, commodious Parish Hall, which was dedeicated on May 14, 1926.

The Unitarian Society of Berlin federated with the First Congregational Church of Berlin to form the First Parish Church of Berlin on September 5, 1947; but the Unitarian Society continues to function under its original organization.

The Methodist Church

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Berlin was first organized in April of 1856. This was accomplished under the direction of Rev. Gardner Rice, then principal of the Berlin Academy. Prayer

and Class Meetings, as well as preaching services, were held in the Academy Building. Services were continued under the following pastorates:

Gardner Rice	1855-1856
John Goodwin	1856-1858
W. W. Colburn	1858-1860
Nathaniel Stevens	1860-1862
B. F. Whittemore	1862-(6 months)

The Rev. Mr. Whittemore was appointed Chaplain in the Army and almost all of the male members of the society went into service of the Civil War. Thus the Methodist Church was dormant for a period of eight years. The organization was resumed under the administration of the Presiding Elder, Rev. Chas. S. Rogers, on September 15, 1880; and Rev. Charles H. Hanaford was appointed Pastor in charge. Rev. William W. Colburn of Clinton had conducted preaching services in the Town Hall since April 18, 1880 until the re-organization. Then the following ministers served the Church:

William W. Colburn	Apr. 18, 1880
Charles H. Hanaford	Sept. 15, 1880-1882
Charles W. Wilder	1882-1883
Erastus Burlingham	1883-1885
Luther Freeman	1885-1886
Paul Desjardins	1886-1888

During the pastorate of Rev. Desjardins the new church building was erected and dedicated on December 20, 1887. The next pastor, Rev. James W. Barter, devoted much of his time traveling over the Worcester District, soliciting funds, with which he cleared the mortgage on the church building, and herewith we continue the Directory of Pastors:

James W. Barter	1888-1890
A. J. Hall	1890-1891
F. E. Heighway	1891-1892
Sydney K. Smith	1892-1897
J. Adams Puffer	1898-1900
William R. Ashley	1900-1901
Penny H. Murdick	Apr.-Sept. 1901
Benjamin H. Rust	Oct. 1901-1903

William A. Wood	Apr. 1903-1904
John E. Beard	Apr.-Sept. 1904
C. B. Croxall	1904-1905
Mark E. Penney	1905-1907
William E. Speaker	1907-1909
Philip A. Goold	1909-1911
Frederick A. Krackhardt	1911-1913
Harry A. Rothrock	1913-1914
C. W. Campbell	1914-1915
J. D. Van Horn	1915-1916
Homer E. Moore	1916-1917
Arthur O. Dewey	1917-1918

Once again the Church was obliged to recess, this time on account of a World War. Twelve of the young men, the flower of the congregation, were in the service. For three years the local members worshiped in neighboring churches. Early in the year of 1921 some of the "faithful" members expressed a desire to resume services at the Church. So at an official Quarterly Conference of January 7, 1921, it was voted "to resume services in this church" and Rev. Charles E. Spaulding, the District Superintendent, was instructed to engage Rev. Olin J. Gary as pastor for an indefinite time. Whereupon the church resumed the roll of ministers:

Olin J. Gary	1921-1922
Edson G. Waterhouse	1922-1925
Frederick Isackson	1925-1927
Arthur S. Wright	1927-1929
Malcolm W. Garland	1929-1930
Thurman Robinson	Apr.-Sept. 1930
Pulpit supplied by Barter, Gary and Krackhardt	Sept. 1930-Apr. 1931
Chester R. Duncan	1931-1933
<i>Supplied from Clinton:</i>	
Leroy A. Lyon	1933-1935
Benjamin Rust	1935-1939

Under the leadership of Rev. Edson G. Waterhouse, new life came into the Church and the community. A great remodeling program was conducted, both among their constituency and in their church building. It was during this transformation that the Woodward Memorial Window was installed. The same was dedicated on April 13, 1924; which bears the following inscription:

The above Window was given in loving memory of
H. Wallace Woodward
and
C. Sumner Woodward
Who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War

This Memorial Window has been installed in the face of the Echo Organ at the rear of the auditorium of the First Parish Church.

Since wars seem to have throttled the workings of the M. E. Church of Berlin in the past, they must have anticipated another war, for their congregation dwindled to an attendance of ten (seven on the average) after 1935. So that at an official meeting of the Church on May 4, 1940 it was voted "To discontinue the services in the Church" and "That the sale of the Church property be left in the hands of the Trustees."

The building was sold to E. Guy Sawyer on April 7, 1941. The pews and altar furnishings were donated to the Methodist Church of Clinton, and the invested funds (amounting to \$2,481.69) were given to The Preacher's Aid Society of the New England Conference as a memorial in the name of the men and women who served in the ministry of the Berlin Methodist Church.

On May 10, 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church were united and adopted the name "The Methodist Church," so that hereafter the entire body is designated by this name.

Most of the former members of the Methodist Church of Berlin have united with the First Parish Church of Berlin, and are actively engaged in sponsoring its operation.

The Society of Friends

Although the Friends' Meetinghouse is located in the Town of Bolton, it stands in the Fry settlement (Fryville) which is near the Berlin boundary, and a large number of the Friends reside in Berlin. The house was located off the east side of the Berlin-Bolton Road about one-half mile from the town line.

Prior to 1779 the Friends of this territory were required to

attend meetings of their faith in Salem; but in 1779 they acquired the privilege of holding Preparative Meetings in Bolton; and in 1795 the Bolton Preparative Meeting requested to have a new Meetinghouse.

The land for the Meetinghouse was given by John Fry from his farm, and in January of 1797 the house was reported "finished."

The custom of holding separate men's and women's meetings brought about a change in the construction of the Meetinghouse. In 1818, a twenty-foot addition was built onto it and provision was made by a partition to accommodate both departments of the Quarterly Meeting. Shutters, forming this movable partition, were lowered after the meeting of worship, dividing the house into two rooms of nearly equal size. The men occupied the east side of the building and the women the west side, for the business session.

In 1857, by the will of Martha Aldrich, \$50.00 was contributed to provide cushions for the meetinghouse. The inconvenience experienced in holding the Annual Public Dinner at the house of Arthur V. Wheeler—while the nearest house, yet it was too far for the comfortable moving of the group from the "Meeting"—aroused the interest of Francis T. Holder. In March of 1900, he presented a sum of money to the meeting for the building of a barn for the accommodation of the horses at the meetinghouse. Then, again, in May of the same year, he made a gift to the meeting for the purpose of building a social hall, which we know as the Holder Hall.

In August of 1930 the meetings were merged with the Federated Church of Bolton, but the Society continued to function and hold its Annual Meetings. For the past thirty years services in the Berlin Church were suspended, to allow those who wished to attend the Annual Meeting of the Friends in their Meetinghouse in Bolton, held on a Sunday in August. This opportunity will not be granted again, for, in the summer of 1953, the Friends' Meetinghouse of Bolton was dismantled and moved to Old Sturbridge Village where it stands among the many other preserved historical structures.

The religious life of the Friends is guided by "The Inner Light." The injunction of their founder, George Fox, was:

“Spread among your brothers, everywhere, the religion of life. . . . There is but a single temple, the heart of man. God dwells in the human heart.”

Many of the original customs of the Friends were abolished in a changing world. The Bible was never read in Friends meetings—although the “frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures” in the families was enjoined. Nor was singing or instrumental music practised in meeting—it was even disapproved of in the family.

Funerals were always held in the Meetinghouse. Coffins were made of white pine without handles. There were no lots in the burying ground, the dead were buried side by side. No markers or inscription on later stones.

Weddings, too, were required to be held in the Meetinghouse, and the bride and groom were required to sit on the “facing seats” and “marry themselves” by speaking the prescribed formula which, ofttimes, consumed an hour. Then, “marrying out of society” was forbidden and punishable by being “read out of the meeting.”

All this has changed. Flowers adorn the Meetinghouse and the austere simplicity has given place to the more cheerful and home-like aspect. Mixed marriages freely mingle in our churches and society.

Members of the local meeting, whose gifts in the ministry were recognized and approved by their fellow members, were:

Thomas Watson, May 5, 1801	Lydia B. Dow
Sarah Holder	Alice M. Dow
Lydia Fry	Albert Syze
Abel Houghton	Alfred T. Ware, 1913
Thomas Holder	Walter J. Homan, 1922
Lucy F. Collins, 1852	

The Clerks of the Bolton Monthly Meeting of Friends were:

Abraham Wheeler	May 29, 1799
Abel Houghton	3 years
Daniel Wheeler	4 “
John Fry	3 “
David Smith	7 “
Thomas Fry	20 “
David Babcock	6 “
Daniel Osgood	3 “
John E. Fry	15 “

Nathan Babcock	52	“	
Bertha M. Cole	26	“	d. 1938
Marjorie J. Babcock	-1949		
Flora E. Smith	-1950		
Marjorie J. Babcock	1950-		

The First Parish Church

Rev. Glenn O. Canfield's resignation, effective in August 1946, started the members of the First Unitarian Society of Berlin thinking about a Federated Church. The first meeting was held June 23, 1946, at which time a committee of five was appointed to confer with a similar committee of five from the Congregational Church of Berlin on the proposition of forming a Federated Church in the Town of Berlin.

At a special meeting of February 23, 1947, both churches voted favorably upon a set of Articles of Agreement. Thereby, the First Congregational Church and the First Unitarian Society, Churches of Berlin, Mass., agreed to form and act as one congregation for religious work and worship under the name of the First Parish Church of Berlin, which was established on September 1, 1947.

The membership of the First Parish Church is open to all, regardless of denomination, who accept as a bond of union the religion of Jesus Christ, in accordance with His teachings that religion is love to God and love to man. But, membership in the First Parish Church does not deprive the individual from retaining his own denominational affiliations.

The First Parish Church of Berlin held their first service of worship on Sunday, September 7, 1947.

The remodeling and re-decorating program of the First Parish Church building has given it a unique standing among the churches of the Central Worcester Area. The gilt pineapple which was above the pulpit in the first meetinghouse has been reclaimed and mounted above the altar in the auditorium. The building of the Unitarian Society has been remodeled into a Church for Youth. Dedicated June 3, 1956 as "Children's Church."

The Pastors who have served The First Parish Church since its institution are:

Guy E. Mossman	1948-1951
Robert W. MacNeill	1951-1954
John W. Linzee	1954-1957
Leonard B. Gray	1957-date

The (Little) Union Church

This little Union Church of all faiths is not incorporated and is the personal property of Rev. Louis W. West, on which an annual tax is paid to the Town of Berlin. It was the former waiting station, at Stone's Corner, of the Clinton-Hudson branch of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company.

While young Mr. West was a divinity student, between the years of 1907 and 1909, he worked during the summer vacations for Mr. Henry Stone in the Stone Carriage Factory, then located at Stone's Corner on the west side of Central Street. He conceived the idea of holding religious services in the community and preached his first sermon in the little waiting station. The neighbors and friends "fell in" with the idea and Homer L. Stone built a pulpit, on which his father's (Henry Stone) family Bible was placed. An organ was supplied by a neighbor and an orchestra was formed, and many remember the faithful times they had with Mrs. Clara E. Stone, Mrs. Hattie F. Stone, Forrest E. Day, William E. Jacobs. The room was fittingly furnished and Sunday preaching services and Sunday School classes were held, with Friday evening services.

After Mr. West graduated from school, and became ordained in the ministry, The Little Church was abandoned. It being the property of Homer Stone, he turned it into a dwelling. Rev. West served Baptist churches in Vermont and Maine, and, in 1925, became pastor of the South Boston Baptist Church which he served for twenty-five years, retiring in 1950. Having married a Hudson girl, whose home is on Central Street (Hudson), he spent many of his summer vacations in this vicinity. It was in the summer of 1943 that Rev. West learned that the "Little Church" dwelling was for sale, so he purchased it, placed a steeple on the building, and resumed holding services here on Sunday afternoons during his vacation period.

The health of the Rev. Louis W. West, D.D. becoming im-

paired at the age of sixty-seven, he sold the "Little Church." It was moved a little westward on Central Street and converted into a dwelling. Rev. West reclaimed its steeple and has placed it on his new church, erected beside his residence at 301 Central Street, Hudson. This 5 x 8 x 10 Roadside Chapel bears the following inscription:

UNION CHURCH of All Faiths
Rev. L. W. West, Pastor
"Smallest Church in the World"
- Always Open for Prayer -

St. Joseph's Church

The first Mass of the Roman Catholic Church to be celebrated in Berlin was on Sunday, September 10, 1950 at 9:30 A.M. The service was conducted by Rev. James B. Kennedy, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary, of Clinton, in the Town Hall of Berlin. Previous to this time the Catholic population in Berlin attended services at the Holy Rosary Church in Clinton.

The Most Reverend John J. Wright, D.D., Bishop of Worcester, broke ground for the construction of a new church at the site on West Street opposite Carter Street on Sunday afternoon of May 4, 1952. The ground-breaking and blessing followed a dinner served by parishioners in the Town Hall at 1:00 P.M., attended by more than 500. At 2:45 a procession was formed at the Town Hall. The marchers proceeded down West Street to the building site reciting the Rosary on the way. The Berlin chapel choir sang hymns and the large gathering was addressed by Bishop Wright and Fathers Carroll and Kennedy. Father Carroll became pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary (Clinton) and St. Joseph's Chapel (Berlin) when Father Kennedy was transferred to St. Leo's Church in Leominster.

The dedication of the new Chapel of St. Joseph, the Good Provider, took place on Saturday, March 21, 1953. Most Reverend John J. Wright, D.D., Bishop of Worcester, officiated at the dedication exercises and also at the Pontifical High Mass, assisted by Rev. James B. Kennedy, Rev. Francis J. Carroll, and many other deacons of honor from the neighboring parishes. St. Joseph, the Good Provider, is a Mission of the Holy Rosary Parish of

Clinton, and Rev. Pasquale Biscardi is pastor in charge. This Mission accommodates some seventy Catholic families in Berlin.

"The Upper Room," a drama of the Passion of Christ, was presented in the Berlin Town Hall on Saturday and Sunday evenings, March 21 and 22, 1953, to a capacity house as a part of the dedication of the Chapel. "The Dark Days" was staged in 1954 and "The Trial" was given in 1955.

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Several native citizens of Berlin have entered professions associated with Christian Service of the Church. Bernice Abbie Wheeler, daughter of Samuel and Emily (Bruce) Wheeler, and graduate of Smith College, served as a missionary in China under the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. She instructed in Oliver Memorial Girls H. S. (1921-24) in Chinkiang Ku, China.

Chester Edward Falby, son of Verne F. and Blanche (Wheeler) Falby, is a minister in the Episcopal Church.

Albert Schartner, son of Albert C. Schartner (lived in Berlin with his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth [Schartner] Wright), has become a minister in the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Louis W. West, while not a native of Berlin, became attached to the community when a student (1907-09), and founded The Little Union Church. He became a prominent pastor of the Baptist Church of South Boston. He retired in 1950, but still offers his service in the "Little Church."

A number of the girls of Berlin have entered the ministry through marriage. Rev. William Addison Houghton (pastor of Berlin Congregational Church from 1853 to 1878) married Mary Grace Howe, daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Stow) Howe, on May 22, 1844.

J. Adams Puffer, pastor of Berlin Methodist Church (1898-1900), married E. Hope Rice, daughter of Willis and Harriet (Fay) Rice, on October 1, 1903.

Rev. Frank R. Gale, pastor of the Unitarian Church (1903-1912), married Effie A. Merrill, daughter of John A. and Lorinda E. (Mansfield) Merrill, on August 3, 1904.

Rev. William E. Speaker, pastor of Berlin Methodist Church

(1907-09), married Ruth E. Brewer, daughter of Leonard W. and Harriet J. Brewer, on December 25, 1909.

Rev. Frederick A. Krackhardt, pastor of Berlin Methodist Church (1911-13), married Eula L. Howard, daughter of Marshall E. and Etta M. (Perkins) Howard, on November 16, 1916.

Rev. Charles William Stewart married Alma Elizabeth Rowe, daughter of Louis V. and Louise C. Rowe, on August 21, 1948.

Rev. John W. Linzee, pastor of the First Parish Church of Berlin (1954-57), married Faith Andrews, daughter of Kendall E. and Jeanette C. (Brewer) Andrews, on July 30, 1955.

Cemeteries

It may seem strange to associate cemeteries with the Church and religion. But since the burial of the dead was associated with the religious tenets of the Church, and funeral services were generally conducted in the Meetinghouse, this may be admissible. It was also customary to have the burying ground adjacent to the Meetinghouse lot.

Therefore, in anticipation of a settlement at Berlin Center, Samuel Jones and David Rice, jointly, deeded a piece of land for a "Burying field," dated May 9, 1768. The purpose of said deed was expressed as follows: "For the love and good will of the inhabitants of the southerly part of the town of Bolton, living within the limits, which hath been mentioned for a precinct or district." This was ten years prior to the setting off of the South Parish of Bolton and the building of the first Meetinghouse.

The proximity of this "Burying field" to the "Meetinghouse" spot is made evident in the description of the bounds, namely, "Beginning at a red oak on the South side of ye County road, and runs westerly nineteen rods with ye said Joneses land to a heap of stones by the Burying field." Thus, in fair weather, the Burying Grounds were used as a park by those who recessed between the lengthy forenoon and afternoon sessions at the Sunday Meetinghouse.

This Burying Ground is what is known as the "Old Cemetery" on the south side of Linden Street near the junction with Central Street. The first interment was that of Samuel Jones (father of

the donor), who died April 3, 1769. Here rests the remains of most of the early inhabitants of the town. Thirty-two soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and four of the veterans of the Civil War are buried here.

Two monuments grace the grounds to express the convictions of the citizens for their honored dead. One is the Statue of Hope—"A centennial memorial by Artemas Barnes, 1876. Commemorative of the name and Patriotism of Lieut. Timothy Bailey who alone of the Soldiers of Berlin died in gaining our Independence, 1777. He was buried in R. I." The other is The Statue of Faith to Rev. Reuben Puffer, D.D., "Erected in affectionate regard for his virtues by Artemas Barnes, 1876." It bears the following record: "The first minister of the Church in Berlin died April 9, 1829 in the 74th year of his age and the 48th of his ministry. A man of great modesty, humility and goodness; of superior ministerial gifts; beloved of his flock and revered in the Church."

Many unique epitaphs preserve the expression of the faith of a former generation. A few samples may suffice. In memory of a Captain, age seventy, who died October 29, 1784—

I hope to sing, without a sob
The anthem, ever new
I gladly bid ye dusty globe
And vain delights,—adieu.

One aged forty-three, who died November 3, 1815—

Long with distress, I bore thy hand,
Till death did set me free.
Lord, may I rise at thy command
And dwell on high with thee.

A mother of twenty-one years, whose child had died three months previous, March 21, 1819—

Beneath this stone my body lies,
Here mouldering in the dust
Till God in heaven, shall bid it rise
And reign among the just.

By reason of my sad estate,
I spent my days in tears:
My reason left me, now of late,
Though in my early years.

One, aged twenty-nine, died December 26, 1851—

My Saviour calls and I must go
And leave you here, my friends below
But soon my God, will call for thee,
Prepare for death and follow me.

A Mason, aged seventy-four, died July 12, 1825—

He from earth, did sudd'nly retreat,
To the grand lodge above;
We trust he's gone to take his seat
Where masons dwell in love.

A young man of twenty-seven, died June 12, 1813—

Come here my friends and read a word,
You all must shortly die;
Prepare to meet your Saviour, God,
And reign with Him on high.

A man, aged eighty-one, died Fruary 28, 1822—

Friends nor physicians could not save
My mortal body from the grave,
Nor can the grave confine me here
When Christ doth call me to appear.

A four year old daughter, died May 24, 1831—

And art thou gone, thou lovely one
And left us here to mourn;
Yes, thou art gone, thou lovely one
To rest in Jesus arms.

In memory of a son, age ten years, died November 2, 1825—

Sleep on dear youth and take thy rest
God who form'd you, thought it best.

At the Town Meeting of March 4, 1805, it was voted to purchase a hearse and build a hearse house. This house was located in the northwest corner of the Old Cemetery grounds. It was moved out of the Center Cemetery in 1926. The Old Burying grounds became known as the Center Cemetery to distinguish it from the new cemetery, located in the south part of the Town.

New Cemetery 1420921

The first move made by the Town in relation to establishing a new cemetery was on June 11, 1849. At this time a committee was chosen "to ascertain if some suitable place for a new burial ground can be obtained." The Committee chose a well-shaped piece of land at the corner of Sawyer Road and Pleasant Street. The grounds were laid out in 1857, and the work completed the following year. The first interment was that of Joel L. Wheeler, who died August 9, 1857. The tomb was erected in its present location in 1877. Sixteen beautiful spruce trees were set out along the southern border of the grounds by Arthur Hastings. All of these trees were laid down in a uniform row during the hurricane of September 21, 1938. Only one monument, that of Andrew Johnson, was broken in this catastrophe.

These grounds were known as the South Cemetery until 1927, when the Cemetery Commissioners' report named it the Pleasant Street Cemetery. In March of 1908 the Town appointed a committee to consider an enlargement of the South Cemetery. In 1909 they purchased three lots, respectively, of Arthur Hastings, Samuel Wheeler, and Henry Wheeler, for an addition to the cemetery. Then they proceeded to enclose this new addition with a stone wall. The contract was let to Marshall E. Howard, and the Commissioners reported the completion of the same in 1910, at a cost of \$668.75.

In 1901 the Town created a Board of Cemetery Commissioners, consisting of three members, each of whom to be elected for a term of three years. They have the responsibility for the care and maintenance of all cemeteries. The expenses of the care of the grounds is met by the income from trust funds, perpetual care lots, and the sale of lots. The balance is secured by the annual Town appropriation.

From year to year improvements are made and new equipment provided to secure better care of the grounds. In 1951 a small building was purchased and placed at the rear of the South Cemetery to house the equipment. In 1952 a new power mower was purchased and the watering system was remodeled, securing a good water supply with electric pump and tank, and

renewed pipe line with faucets conveniently located throughout the cemetery.

The Town purchased the burial records of a former sexton in 1926. Thus a convenient system of records is maintained, which shows that there are at present (1953) 435 full lots and twenty-four half lots in Pleasant Street Cemetery. Of these, 179 full lots and twelve half lots are perpetual care.

A fitting conclusion on the religious life of Berlin may be expressed by a contribution from the pen of one of its faithful members.

THE SOLITARY WAY

Each of us treads it, from birth to the bier;
Each of us dwells in his separate sphere;
There is a sanctum, where none may come in.
Comrade or lover, acquaintance or kin.
But One is before us therein.

Bread of our bitterness, eat we alone,
Nor to a stranger our joy can make known.
Lone in the hurrying throng on the street;
Lone in the furnace, at sevenfold heat.
But One is before us therein.

When for us, flesh in its vigor shall fail,
When we must pass through the shadowy vale,
None may accompany—singly we go,
Where the last path meets the river's dim flow.
But One there awaits us—dear Christ!

Berlin, Mass., June 1935

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CHAPTER III

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

Buildings

When the District of Berlin became incorporated in 1784, they found themselves in a precarious condition as to their schooling facilities. They had inherited from Bolton some old isolated schoolhouses which were "illy located, of cheap construction, and in a dilapidated condition." In 1785 the District was divided into four squadrons, for school purposes. Each squadron was made responsible for schooling arrangements. In 1792 the District built four new schoolhouses, one in each school squadron, centrally located.

They were modeled after the typical old red schoolhouse of New England (dimensions 18 x 22 feet), at a total cost of 170 pounds or about \$850.00. As the population about the Center increased, they felt the need for a fifth schoolhouse. So, after a great deal of wrangling in the town meetings, another schoolhouse was built at the Center in 1836. This was a 32 x 24 foot building, for which the Town voted \$500.00. Now there were five school districts in the Town. These various schoolhouses served until the school district system was abolished by a vote of the Town in 1856.

Up to this time each district or squadron had one man whose duty it was to have charge of the school in his district. He hired the teacher and supervised all school matters in his district only. It is easy to see how much difference there might be in methods and accomplishments in the various schools. In 1856 a system similar to our present one was introduced. This was about the time that Horace Mann attempted to have uniform educational facilities throughout the State. Now, the entire school system of the Town is under the control of the voters in the Town Meetings.

In 1857 new schoolhouses were built in the five different sec-

tions of the town. These were of the most improved models, and were considered the best patterns of excellence and convenience then known. The cost of these buildings was reported as follows:

North and South	\$2,785.00
East	1,360.00
Center	1,500.00
West	1,358.00

About 1875 the increase in the number of scholars in the center district justified a demand for additional school accommodations, so that "Barnes Hall" of the Town Hall was utilized as a schoolroom, where the more advanced pupils from all of the districts were instructed. This was known as the Berlin High School, which continued to function until 1879.

These school buildings of 1857 continued to be used to accommodate the scholars of Berlin, with various remodelings and readjustments toward a centralized school. In 1906 extensive repairs and remodeling was done on the five schoolhouses. They were shingled, painted, and a new heating and ventilating system was installed with the construction of new chimneys. A cistern was built at the East School, and a well dug at the Center, with pumps supplied for each. New desks and chairs were furnished at the Center. The total cost of these repairs was \$3,404.17.

In the year 1911 the facilities of the Center School House were enlarged by building a second story to the house, thus furnishing another classroom. This provided for the collecting of all seventh, eighth, and ninth grade pupils into a Grammar grade, and having a teacher for this grade, who should also be Principal of the Berlin Schools. This allowed for grades one through six at each of the five schools under one teacher, instead of nine grades, as previously.

By vote of the Town in 1916, \$1,000 was paid for the H. F. Hartwell property, east of the Center School, to provide more adequate playgrounds for the scholars. Considerable work was needed for grading and removal of rocks to put it in condition for a playground, so that it lay undeveloped over a period of years, until taken over by the new Central Building of 1951. Now the Superintendent of Schools reminds us that the school grounds should be beautified. "A little shrubbery here and there,

flower beds fittingly placed, and shade trees carefully trimmed would go far toward building up the pupils' ideals."

By the shuffling of the five school units, the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools attempted to solve the problem of a shifting school population and a proper grouping of the grades. As a consequence, the North School was closed in 1937, and the East School in 1943. The grades were distributed among the remaining three schools as follows: All first- and second-grade pupils attended the Center School; grades three to six were enrolled in the South School; and grades four to six in the West School; grades seven and eight were at the Center School.

In 1949 (the last full year in the several school buildings) the following adjustment was made:

Grade 1	Center	27	pupils	one teacher
" 2	Center	21	"	one teacher
" 3	South	21	"	one teacher
" 4	South	19	"	one teacher
" 5	West	16	"	} one teacher
" 6	West	20	"	
" 7	Center	13	"	} one teacher
" 8	Center	9	"	
Total enrollment—146				pupils

On March 9, 1951, the school of 166 pupils was housed in the new Central School Building on Linden Street, with a faculty of ten instructors. The building was formally dedicated as the Berlin Memorial School on August 18, 1951, at which time the Building Committee released to the town the plans, specifications, contracts, and keys. The total cost for this building, including equipment and grading, was \$146,136.51.

Due to the increase of new families in the Town, the school enrollment mounted to 193, and it became necessary to continue to use the old Center building until a four-classroom addition could be built onto the Memorial School building. The Town appropriated \$69,000.00 for this purpose and it was completed in 1953. The total cost of the four completely-furnished classrooms, and including the additional driven well and pumping equipment, was \$79,878.84. (Report of Building Committee for December, 1954: Norman S. Coldwell, Carl A. Barter, Cecil Wheeler, Sr., John Campbell, and Mrs. Jeannette Andrews.) The old wooden building was sold and removed.

A view of a shifting school population.

Fall Term—1909

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Center	6	2	5	2	7	9	2	6	6	45
North	1	3	1	4	5	5	1	2	5	27
East	0	4	0	5	6	2	5	3	0	25
South	3	5	6	8	5	3	4	4	0	38
West	3	6	4	2	2	3	4	0	0	24
										159

October 1, 1942

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Center	4	5	11	0	0	0	12	19	0	51
East	0	4	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	12
South	1	7	1	4	7	3	0	0	0	23
West	0	0	0	12	10	9	0	0	0	31
										117

October 1, 1949

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Center	27	21	0	0	0	0	13	9	0	70
South			21	19						40
West					16	20				36
										146

October 1, 1952

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Center						20	18			38
Memorial	30	32	24	25	24			18		153
										191

October 1, 1953

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Memorial	43	33	30	23	26	24	19	19		217

October 1, 1954

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Memorial	20	40	31	21	18	28	25	21		204

Transportation

The original schoolhouses were located in the four quarters of the town so that they were accessible to the pupils of each district, and all nine grades were taught in each school; but when the attempt was made to accommodate certain grades in one building and others in another building, the problem of transportation arose. The first transportation problem occurred when it was decided to have the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade pupils come to the Center School. The trolley cars could accommodate those from the east and west, but a horse-drawn school barge had to be installed to carry those from the north and south. This was following the year 1911, after the addition of a second story at the Center. From then on the situation became more complicated as each adjustment was made toward consolidation of the schools. The total cost of transportation in 1911, including high school pupils, was \$399.73, and for the year ending December 31, 1954, the cost was \$8,612.25. Since the abandonment of the Lovell Bus Service the transportation of school children is conducted by licensed school busses. During the school term of 1952-53 there was daily transportation of 150 elementary pupils to the Memorial School.

The School Committee made the ruling that no school children should be carried who lived within a mile of the schoolhouse. Therefore, if the front door of the home was within a mile of the school, and the rear door was 5,300 feet from the school, the children of that home could be carried by entering the bus from the rear door.

During World War II, when the government wished to conserve on the use of gasoline, the Massachusetts Department of Education insisted that Berlin should live up to the letter of the ruling—"no transportation within a mile of a schoolhouse." Berlin's arrangement was for the pupils of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades to attend the West School, and the seventh and eighth grades to attend at the Center. Although there was a school building at the South and the East, these did not accommodate grades four through eight. The Superintendent of Schools and the Department of Education did not analyze the situation

and therefore, were disappointed with Berlin's "unpatriotic attitude," as Berlin continued to carry her scholars to their respective classes.

The question of transportation of school children was always a conundrum to the Conservative. Typical of this is the account in "Life in These United States": "I was driving through the country with an old gentleman to inspect a farm and we were discussing that inevitable topic, TAXES. As we passed a school bus, he exclaimed, 'See! That's what I mean. When I was a boy, we walked three miles to school. Now we spend \$8,612.25 for a bus to pick up the children so they don't have to walk. Then we spend \$20,171.12 for a gymnasium so they can get proper exercises!'"

Supervision of Schools

Under the original District School System each school district had an agent whose duty it was to see that school was "kept" with the funds allotted to him. This method was changed in 1832 when a School Committee, consisting of three men, was "chosen," who should administer the affairs for the five schools. R. F. Walcott, A. C. Baldwin, and Asa Sawyer were the members of this first School Committee. Rev. Wm. A. Houghton came on the Committee in 1853 and served intermittently until 1886. He teamed up with Elijah C. Shattuck in 1856 and Wm. Bassett in 1858.

This combination made a great outfit for the Berlin schools; they were capable of handling the situation. It was customary for the Committee to hold examinations at the schools to judge of the teachers' *good* efforts, and if a teacher failed a member of this Committee could, and did, step in and conduct the school. Henry A. Wheeler was elected to the Committee in 1890 and was re-elected until 1900; then he served from 1907 to 1920. Charles A. Nutting served from 1920 to 1933, and John L. Nutting from 1933 to 1951. A host of other citizens have served on the School Committee for shorter periods. The first woman to be elected on the School Committee was Mrs. Addison Keyes in 1885. The next was Mrs. Adelaide R. C. Parmenter, chosen in 1893.

The Town abolished the District School System in 1856 and

began its operation under the Town system, whereby the financing of the schools was accountable to the vote of the people at their annual Town Meeting.

Following the provisions of Chapter 431 of Acts of 1888, a School Union No. 6, consisting of the towns of Berlin, Northboro, Southboro and Shrewsbury, was formed. This joint committee chose a Superintendent of Schools (John G. Thompson) who entered upon his duties on May 1, 1890. In 1921 Shrewsbury dropped from the Union to join Boylston and West Boylston, forming Union No. 70, thus leaving three towns in Union No. 6. The following persons have been Superintendents of the Union:

John G. Thompson	1890-1891
Henry S. Bullen	1891-1892
George A. Mirick	1892-1897
Nelson G. Howard	1897-1899
Corwin F. Palmer	1899-1902
William F. Sims	1902-1910
Frederick B. Van Ornum	1910-1921
Charles A. Harris	1921-1926
Henry G. Blount	1926-1948
Roger K. Poole	1948-date

Faculty and School Term

During the early period of the Berlin School District System there were two terms of school—the summer and winter. Each term had a different teacher. A woman generally taught the summer term, and a man conducted the winter term. The winter school was mostly attended by the boys and young men who could not be spared from the farm work during the summer term. It was unusual for the same person to teach more than one consecutive term. In fact, it had happened that during one term there were three changes of teachers.

This gave Berlin a teaching force of five teachers, one for each of the five schools, and an agent to supervise each school. School kept for twelve weeks during the summer term, and thirteen weeks for the winter term. But, during and following the Civil War, each term had ten weeks. These were very irregularly attended—some pupils being present only twenty, thirteen, or eleven days during a sixty-five-day winter term.

It was the ambition of the Superintendent of Schools, in compliance with the ruling of the State Dept. of Education, to gradually increase the number of weeks of schooling. Thus, by 1894 they had increased to thirty-two weeks, and in 1898 they were keeping school for thirty-four weeks. The school year has only increased to thirty-six weeks, or 180 days, but they sure do cram a whole lot of learning into the children during these days. See the curriculum.

There have also been drastic changes in the faculty, shifting from one teacher in each of the five schools (covering classes for grades from one to nine) to a teacher for each of the eight grades. From time to time special teachers have been added to the faculty. In 1897 a special teacher of drawing (or Supervisor of Art) was engaged. The following year, a special teacher of music (or Supervisor of Music) was added to the staff. In September of 1901 a Principal of Schools was employed, who also taught at the Center School, thus adding another teacher to the force. With the diversity of teachers it seemed expedient that there should be some uniformity in the art of writing, so in 1934 a Supervisor of Penmanship was engaged, which practice has been continued under the name of Supervisor of Handwriting. Since 1950 two more instructors have been added to the faculty—a Supervisor of Physical Education and an Assistant Supervisor of Physical Education, the latter being a woman who will take over the instruction of the girls.

Curriculum

The proverbial system of three R's (Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic) was soon supplemented in the Berlin schools by more advanced studies. In the Abstract of School Returns for the Commonwealth in 1836, Berlin reports the following textbooks being used in her schools: National Spelling Book, Ingersol's Grammar, Adam's & Colburn's Arithmetic, Olney's Geography, American & First Class Book, Introduction to National Reader. These books were paid for out of the local fund.

It was the problem of the Superintendent of Schools to introduce the proper courses of study, to see that these subjects were uniform for the several grades of the five schools, and also

to schedule the time to be devoted to each subject. In the report for 1897, the following list of subjects was given: Language, Reading and Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, History, Writing, Drawing, Physical Exercises, Physiology and Nature Study, Morals and Manners, and Music. All of these subjects were taught in all nine grades except Geography, which was omitted from the first and second, and History began with the fifth grade.

Since the modern view of an education is to prepare the pupil for his life's vocation—through the High School, College, or University—the curriculum has been greatly broadened to furnish an adequate basis for such ambition. Thus, in the report of the Superintendent of Schools for the year 1952 he states that "The educational program has been deepened, broadened, and improved. In common with all good schools we are now offering formal instruction in science and physical education at all grade levels. The textbook equipment of the schools has been completely replaced with the best modern text materials."

Enrollment

The enrollment of the elementary schools of Berlin varied considerably from year to year. This change is due to several factors. The ratio of the number of school children to the population of the Town was much larger in the early 1800's than in the 1900's due to the difference in the size of the family. Thirteen children to the family had ceased to be popular. For instance, the population of 1820 was 625, and of 1840 it was 763, and the enrollment in the schools for the year 1836 was 193. But in 1950 with a population of 1,348, the school enrollment was only 166, and in 1952 the enrollment was 191 (not quite up to the 1836 figure).

Few records are available for the early years of the schools, but in 1875 enrollment was reported to be 199. Then in 1891 it reached a low of 117 and remained low until 1898, when it began to increase. In the year 1920 it reached 195. Then it began to recede, so that in 1923 it was 158, in 1927, 151 and in 1928, 141. It rose to 175 in 1934, then gradually receded to 117 in 1942. Since then it has been on a gradual increase (people are again

having families) and the enrollment is comparable to the increase in population.

Educational Funds

Certain trust funds have been willed to the Town of Berlin, the income of which may be used for literary or school purposes. The Joseph Priest Fund of \$520.00 was given in 1817. The Nancy Young Fund of \$1,500.00 was made available in 1859. By the will of Moses Reed Tyler, dated March 18, 1937, a fund was created to furnish financial assistance to worthy scholars of the Berlin Public Schools who desired to continue their studies in some higher institution of learning. The applicant was to be approved by the School Committee. The Fund, which amounted to \$20,-106.76, became available for use in 1943.

Support of Schools

There has been a continual rise in the cost of schooling. This expense increase is due to an increase in the number of days that school kept, an increase in the number of teachers, and the general rise in wages, annuities, and the cost of materials. Furthermore, there are additional facilities such as transportation, health program, and libraries. Herewith is an account of the general rise in the cost of the support of public schools in the Town of Berlin.

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Account</i>
1836	\$ 400.00	1920	\$ 6,526.73
1850	377.58	1930	17,602.02
1855	576.86	1940	18,360.00
1860	839.78	1945	20,600.00
1870	1,189.00	1950	36,260.00
1880	1,416.80	1951	42,020.33

1890	1,547.27	1952	47,542.00
1900	1,984.10	1953	53,226.81
1910	3,751.36	1954	61,400.00

Auxiliary Agencies to Education

The School Physician and School Nurse have become necessary units of the school system. The problem of health, both preventative service and diagnostic cases, is supervised by the Nashoba Associated Board of Health, through which the Town has the services of a Community Nurse.

The Parent-Teachers Association furnishes both equipment and aid in the cafeteria for school lunches, and administers to various problems of the successful school.

The goblin-like figure of the Truant Officer has been eliminated since the fingers of transportation have been extended to the extreme sections of the Town. In case a pupil pleads absence on account of illness, a nurse is dispatched to investigate.

The problem of discipline taxed the patience of the school teacher of former days. A sample appears in the *Berlin News* of December 11, 1889: "When Tommy arrived home, after his first day at school, his mother asked him, 'Have you been a good boy today? Did you break any of the rules?' Whereupon Tommy replied, 'No'm, I was a good boy. But the teacher *broke a rule* on little Harry Fletcher and another on me.'"

Nine ladies voted for members of the School Committee at the Town Election of March, 1890, for the first time. The *Berlin News* carried the following dialogue:

- Johnnie "Look Papa! at the ladies coming in. What do they want in here?"
- Papa "They are coming to vote for the School Committee."
- Johnnie "Why do they want to vote for School Committee?"
- Papa "Well, my son, since it is assumed that they have children in school, they should have a voice in who is placed in authority over them."
- Johnnie "But papa!—Not one of those seven ladies have children. Why should they vote?"
- Papa "I can't say. That is one of those unexplainable mysteries."

List of Teachers since 1895

NORTH SCHOOL

Grades 1-6

Helen M. Otterson	1894-Jan. 1895
Florence E. Pratt	Jan. 1895
Miss Etta Mann	1896
L. Ada Berry	1897-1899
M. Jennie Mason	1899-1900
North School closed June 1900 to Jan. 4, 1904.	
Mabel G. Fillmore	1904-1905
Maude A. Barter	1905-1913
Marion Barter	1913-1917
Flora E. Small	1917-1918
North School closed June 1918 to Sept. 1923	

Grades 4-6

Hattie B. Woodward	1923-1937
North School closed June 1937 (Teacher and Pupils transferred to West School).	

EAST SCHOOL

Grades 1-6

M. Etta Otis	1894
Marion L. Mann	1895-1897
Alice J. Kennedy	1897-1898
Edna Z. Guertin	1898-1901
East School closed June 1901-Sept. 1902. (Teacher transferred to Center School).	
Edna Z. Guertin	1902-1936 (Retired—38 years Berlin Teacher)
Ruth Douglas	1936-1941
Dorothy A. Henderson	1941-1942
Josephine Loughrey	1942-1943
East School was closed June of 1943 and pupils were distributed, by grades, to the South, West and Center Buildings.	

WEST SCHOOL

Grades 1-6

E. Hope Rice	1893
Lilla B. Newsome	1894-1895
Nellie M. Fewkes	1895-Nov. 1895
M. McKie	Nov. 1895-1896
Emma A. Flagg	1896-Jan. 1897
Edith A. Walker	1897-1898
Marion Newell	1898
Lila B. McPherson	1899

Alice B. Humphrey	1899-1901
Emma A. Hartwell	1901-1911
Mary R. Gallagher	1911-1912
Nellie R. Kelleher	1912-1916
Mary McDermott	1916-1918
Flora E. Small	1918-1919
Grace Ward	1919-1921
Pearl Booth	1921-1922
Mabel F. Marble	1922-1923
Louise Busby	1923-1926
Gladys Campbell	1926-Nov. 1929
Vera Hooper	Nov. 1929-1932
Doris Campbell	1932-1933
Marie Maddocks	1933-1937
Hattie B. Woodward	1937-1951

Teacher and pupils were transferred to the new "Memorial School" on March 9, 1951.

SOUTH SCHOOL *Grades 1-9*

Etta M. Livingston	1893, 1894
Jennie E. Morse	1894-1897
E. Hope Rice	1897, 1898
Emily G. McDougall	1898-1900
Frances E. Rice	1899-1900
Clara D. Rollins	1901
Leonora F. Howe	Nov. 1901
Edith O. Edmonds	1902
Gertrude M. Hart	1903 (2 mos.)
Edith M. Daniels	1903 (4 mos.)
Eunice Caldwell	1903-1904

Principal

Florence E. Corey	1904
Marry E. Richardson	1905
Ethel M. Jones	1906-1909
Elizabeth B. McLean	1909-1910

Assistant

Hattie F. Haskell	1904
Hazel I. Sawyer	1905
Hattie B. Jones	1907-1909
Inez M. Bailey	1910

Grades 1-6

Hattie B. Jones	1911-1915
Hope B. Jones	1915-1926
Dorothy Littlefield	1926-1927
Marjorie I. Smith	1930, 1931
Marion (Warwick) Bufkin	1931-1936
Helen Chamberlain	1936-1938
Hazel R. Heath	1938-1939
Florence A. Wheeler	1940-1942
Anastasia Stathos	1942-1943

Josephine Loughrey	1943-1945—Grades 3-6
Flora E. Smith	1945-1951—Grades 3 & 4
Norma Plummer	1948-1951—Grade 4

Teachers and pupils were transferred to the new "Memorial School" on March 9, 1951.

CENTER SCHOOL

Abbie L. Ring	1893
Adelaide C. Parmenter	1894
M. Etta Otis	1895
Etta M. Livingston	1895
Lilla B. McPherson	1896-1898
E. Hope Rice	1898-1900

Grades 7-9 (Principal)

E. Hope Rice	1900
Adelaide C. Parmenter	1901-1904
Lucy E. Allen	1904-1905
Eula P. Goodale	1905
Ivy E. Towne	1906
Mary A. McIntyre	1907
Cherrie R. Anthony	1908-1913
Marguerite Davis	1913
(Marion C. Copeland 1913-1921)	33
(Marion C. Fromant 1921-1946)	yrs.

Grade 7 in Partition Room

Mary E. Morse	1924-1925
Bessie Berry	1925-1926

Grades 7 & 8 by Principal

Raymond A. Plotczyk	1946-1950
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Grades 1-6 (Assistant)

Edna Z. Guertin	1900-1901
Eva L. Simmons	1901
Josephine C. Stebbins	1901
Mary W. Emmons	1902
Mabel G. Fillmore	1903
Harriet W. Sawyer	1904-1907
Gertrude Felton	1907
Marjorie L. Sawyer	1907-1913
Sophia Gelinas	1913-1918
Alma Carbrey	1918
Flora S. Smith	1919
Josephine Cramer	1920
Blanche Merchant	1921

Grades 1-3

Rose Caton	1922-1924
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Gladys Forbush	1924-1926
Mary E. Brady	1926-1932
Margaret Moir	1932-1944
Ethel Henaire	1945-1949
Wilma W. Skinner	1947-1949—Grade 2

BERLIN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

<i>Grade I</i>	Barbara H. Krackhardt	1950
	Anne G. Welch	1951
	Ruth M. Bouchard	1952
	Barbara H. Krackhardt	1953 } 2 classes
	Dorice M. (Somerville) Bowman	1953 } to 1956
	Mary E. Conway	1956 to date
<i>Grade II</i>	Wilma W. Skinner	1950 to 1956
	Eloise P. Seifert	1954 (2 classes this yr.)
	Edythe Arthur	1957
<i>Grade III</i>	Flora E. Smith	1950 to date
	Corinne Sullivan	1955 (2 classes this yr.)
<i>Grade IV</i>	Norma Plummer (Grs. 4 & 5)	1950-1951
	Mary F. Casey	1952-1953
	Janet Field	1954-1955
	Mary J. McCarthy	1956
	Judith Page	1957
<i>Grade V</i>	Hattie B. Woodward	1950 to date
<i>Grade VI</i>	C. L. John Legere	1951-1952
	Salvatore Lipomi	1953
	John N. Gibbons	1954 to date
<i>Grade VII</i>	Raymond A. Plotczyk	1950-1958
	Mary P. Mitchell	1951-1952
	Raymond DiMuzio	1953 to date
<i>Grade VIII</i>	Raymond A. Plotczyk	1950-1958
	Warren W. Hayden	1959

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

F. R. Glazier	1913-1914; 1918-1920
H. R. C. Cobleigh	1915-1917
Everett H. Tomb	1926
M. P. Stanley	1927-1943
Harry Poras	1944 to date

Special Supervisors

Art:	Marguerite E. Peaslee	1923 to 1956
	Jean A. MacKinnon	1956 to 1958
	Mrs. Alexandria Bowen	1958 to date
Music:	Carrie Hoxie	1927 to 1934
	Florence Strickland	1935
	Barbara Goward	1936 to 1940
	Esther Seaverns	1940 to 1941
	Elvira (Forti) Sammis	1942 to 1944
	Elsbeth Ohlson	1945 to 1947
	Barbara Bennett	1948
	Mary E. Keenan	1949 to 1952
	Mary M. Avedikian	1953 to 1955
	Hubert H. Bower	1956 to 1959
Instrumental Music:	Warren S. Freeman	1954 to 1958
	James G. Scott, Jr.	1958 to date
Handwriting:	William L. Rinehart	1934 to date
Physical Education:	John P. Clark	1949 to 1954
	Edith S. Lawson (Asst.)	1951
	Florence R. Kinerson (Asst.)	1952
	Grace Marchant	1955
	Richard J. Walsh	1955 to date
	Lois Johnson	1956 to 1959

Other Educational Ventures

In 1804 the town of Berlin voted and granted the sum of \$30.00 for a singing school, the classes to be held in the Town Hall under the auspices of a (paid) Music Teacher. This appropriation was repeated in 1809, and in 1819 it was raised to \$40.00. Then in 1823 the amount was \$50.00, with the proviso that a committee of three be appointed "to lay out the money."

Valuable talent was developed through these classes for the Church choir and social gatherings. In his reminiscent remarks before the 150th Anniversary of the First Church in Berlin (1929), the Rev. A. S. Durston said: "You had such remarkable musical talent as Charles M. Sawyer, Warren I. Stetson, and that prima donna Lucy Howe, to charm the people with their wonderful melodies. We raised funds and built a bandstand on the Church common. We had a band of twelve pieces, each one an

artist on his instrument, like Charles Cartwright, master of the violin."

From the *Berlin News*—"The Berlin Brass Band met for the first time on Friday evening, June 11, 1890, with Fred H. Cartwright as director. This band filled many engagements in other towns. On one occasion, in the stormy month of February, the group of musicians had been gathered up by a pung and were enroute for Hudson, when it was discovered that one of them had forgotten his instrument. So, what could they do about it? They un-hitched one of the horses, and the oblivious one rode back home and secured his instrument while the others waited in a huddle."

In addition to the singing school, the sum of \$50.00 was granted for a reading and writing school in 1889. This was probably the first select school in the town. It was personally conducted by Rev. H. H. Osgood in the "Bullard House." The *Berlin News* relates that the "class gave an entertainment (last Tuesday evening) which was very interesting and highly enjoyed by a good audience."

Berlin Academy

A history of the educational institutions of Berlin would not be adequate without the mentioning of that notable Berlin Academy. In 1832-33 Mr. Josiah Bride was requested by parents whose children had been under him in the South District to open a private school. This he did in one room of Madame Puffer's house, on the condition that each pupil bring a chair and table for his use. The school grew so that in 1835 the town voted "to let Josiah Bride have the Town House to keep school in." The number of pupils continued to increase so that, in 1843, Mr. Bride bought the Evangelical Church building, on Linden Street, and refitted it for school purposes. This became the "Berlin Academy." In connection with this, he remodeled a house on Central Street (opposite the Common) for the Academical Boarding School. This building was later used for a hotel, and burned in 1888. The Unitarian Parsonage was built upon the site.

The Academy continued successfully until 1857. It was the

pride of the townspeople, and attracted students from cultured families of the neighboring towns, and the cities of Boston and Worcester. Students from nearly every state in the Union and Cuba were listed on their roll, and it ranked high with the many co-educational schools of New England.

Both the academy and the boarding school were conducted on a puritanical basis. "It is expected that all members of the School will conduct themselves to promote the general happiness of the School. Profane language is strictly prohibited. Smoking is not allowed. No person who is addicted to the use of intoxicating drinks, can remain in this school. Boisterous conversation, whistling, etc., are not allowed in boardinghouse or academy. Playing of ball is encouraged, but cards . . . are strictly prohibited. Students are not permitted to go abroad on the Sabbath, but are expected to attend church. No student is expected to leave town, or go abroad to make calls or visits, without leave of absence."

"No student is expected to visit the room of another during study hours, nor is the visitation of a boy and girl in the same room permitted at any time." Here is where mother nature tried to put one over on Prof. Bride, but did not succeed. It seems that there was a lad and lass who were very fond of each other's company, so that they would arrange to meet in his room to help each other in their "home work." It was the custom of Mr. Bride to make the rounds of the rooms each evening to see that the students were accomplishing their work "OK" or to give assistance where needed. So when they heard him approaching this particular room, the lady concealed herself in a near closet. The professor spent an hour or so in assisting the lad with his problems—then looking at his watch he said, "My! It's getting late, I must go." And, stepping to the closet, he said, "Miss—it is time for you to go to your room."

The Berlin Lyceum

The Berlin Lyceum may well be counted among the former educational institutions of the Town. On Tuesday of November 22, 1831, the following notice was posted (probably at Howe's Tavern) in Berlin, which read:

Persons desirous of forming a Lyceum are requested to meet at the Town House in Berlin, on Monday the 28th instant at 6 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of organizing and making the necessary choice of officers.

The Berlin Lyceum was organized on the appointed date; officers were chosen and a constitution drawn up. Thirty-seven men signed this Constitution within the first year and paid their fee of twenty-five cents. The Constitution states that the "objects of the Lyceum are the improvement of its members in useful knowledge, the advancement of education in the Community," and that "they will hold meetings for readings, discussions, dissertations, and other exercises which shall be thought expedient."

They planned to have a lecture or address by some capable speaker, a reading or paper, and a debate at each of the meetings. It is very interesting to note the subjects of their lectures and debates. Many social and civic questions were debated relating to the Indians, Slavery, Temperance, and questions of both national and international interest. One question that evoked a great deal of interest was that of "Women's Rights." They debated the proposition "Are females capable of as high a degree of mental improvement as males?" and "Is a polite education conducive to Female Happiness?" These debates were always decided in the negative until Josiah Bride, the principal of the Berlin (co-ed) Academy, became a member.

Men only were eligible to membership. But at their meeting of December 15, 1837, they voted to invite the Ladies to send in written communications, at the future meetings of the Lyceum, on the questions under discussion. It was not strange that the debate at the next meeting was on "Ought females to be admitted to citizenship?" But annually the question was decided in the negative.

In order to assist the members in securing data for their debates, discussions, and lectures, they established a library, with a librarian, and set of by-laws. The records show that this Lyceum closed on December 28, 1841. Some of the prominent members of this group were the ministers of this period, Josiah Bride, Dr. J. L. G. Thompson, Amory Carter, Dexter Fay, Daniel Holder, O. B. Sawyer, W. B. Sawyer, Phiny B. Southwick, William

A. Howe, and Oliver Fosgate. So, we see where some of these men got their "fire" for oratory.

The above-named Lyceum was succeeded by The South Berlin Lyceum. This group carried on between the years of 1853 and 1878, and filled a gap in the social and literary institutions of this period. Their meetings were held in the South School, and their program was similar to that of the Berlin Lyceum. But by this time the men had been convinced that the women had some intelligence, and a male member states that "The part taken by the ladies of the town is worthy of special mention. The teachers of the several schools frequently took an important part in the exercises."

Some of the prominent members of this group were Rev. W. A. Houghton, E. C. Shattuck, Solomon Jones, Nathaniel Wheeler, Lyman Morse, Amasa A. Whitcomb, and William Bassett.

A third Lyceum was instituted at the North Schoolhouse, after the Center Lyceum had abandoned. It is reported to have been profitable and instructive to the north enders, and was aided by talent from Fryville and elsewhere.

The Shakespeare Club

On December 27, 1877, the teachers and School Committee with several others, by invitation of Miss Fiske (then teacher in the High School), met and organized the Shakespeare Club. The meetings for the first year were held in the old Town House. After that they assembled at the homes of the various members. During the seventeen years of the Club's existence, it held the interest in the popular classics. For the first two years the time was devoted to the immortal Shakespeare. Much time was given to the study of the life and writings of the trio—Longfellow, Whittier, and Holmes; and to the Concord celebrities—Emerson, Hawthorne, and Thoreau; and many more of the standard American and English authors were analyzed and criticized.

They broadened their field of research to include not only literature, but art, history, and science. Associated with their activities were the annual trips to points of interest, and their social gatherings. Prominent members of the club were E. C.

Shattuck, Miss Mary Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Keyes, P. B. Southwick, Miss Jennie Morse, and Miss Mary Holder.

A similar type of research and enlightenment is conducted to-day (probably not so persistent and periodic, but just as practical) by the Berlin Tuesday Club and the Berlin Art and Historical Society.

An eight-week course in a School of Arts and Crafts was introduced on March 1, 1954 by the Youth Council. The meetings were held in the Memorial School. The course was open to youths of high school age and over. Instruction was given in the following skills: Plane and Ship Model Building, Archery and Rifle Range Practice, Marionettes and Dramatics, Art, Leathercraft, and Photography.

Lyman School for Boys

In 1895 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts purchased of Edward Flagg a farm of 100.5 acres, with buildings thereon, on which the Berlin Branch of the Lyman School for Boys was established. This property is bounded by Lyman Road and Linden Street. The large two-and-a-half story frame building facing on Lyman Road was used for the school and dormitories. The building was built by George Abraham Babcock about 1859. A large, commodious barn, garage, and woodsheds were located in close proximity to the dormitory. According to the Assessors' report of 1942, the farm contained 114 acres.

This institution is under the supervision of the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare for delinquent boys between the ages of seven and fifteen. The Lyman School for Boys is located in Westboro, but the branch in Berlin was established to take care of the boys from seven to twelve years of age, in order to segregate them from the older delinquents. The number of boys varied from seventeen to thirty-six. The State plan was that they should be instructed in piety and morality and in the branches of useful knowledge; but much was added to their instruction by the personality of a teacher like Mrs. Sarah H. Dudley, who added nature study, and an alert personal interest.

Mr. Ira G. Dudley was assigned as Master of the School when it was opened in November of 1895, and Mrs. Sarah H. Dudley

as Teacher. They remained here for forty-two years, retiring in 1937. During these years more than 1800 boys passed through Mrs. Dudley's classes. Many of them, years after leaving the school, returned to make a friendly call, and thus acknowledge the loving care they had received.

The Berlin Branch of the Lyman School for Boys closed on May first of 1942, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staples, with the twenty boys of their charge, were transferred to the Westboro Lyman School. The property remained idle, in possession of the State, until sold to John P. McGrail in 1950.

Library

When Berlin was set off as a District in 1784, her interest in a library remained attached to the mother-town of Bolton. On March 9, 1791, the proprietors belonging to Bolton, Stow and Berlin, subscribers for a proposed library, met at the house of Mr. Silas Holman, innholder in Bolton, and voted to "Choose a person in each town to receive the Subscription for Sd Library and pay in the same to the Treasurer." The Committee consisted of Silas Holman for Bolton, Samuel Gates for Stow, and Dr. Benjamin Nourse (our "Old Family Doctor" 1784-1804) for Berlin. Through their efforts, the Social Library in the Town of Bolton was organized, and in January of 1801 they drew up a code of by-laws to regulate the transaction of the Library.

The Berlin proprietors asked leave to withdraw in March of 1801. Apparently there was considerable hard feeling over the division of books, but the claims were finally settled the following summer. Berlin's share, "with additions, was kept alive during the pastorate of Rev. Reuben Puffer" (1781-1829).

Prior to 1891 there was no central library collection in Berlin. The few books turned over from Bolton had been distributed to different sections of the town. South Berlin, especially, enlarged their collection and established the Union Library Association.

By the acts of the General Court in 1890, a Free Public Library Commission was appointed with authority to aid towns of low assessment valuation to establish free public libraries. Taking advantage of this opportunity, Berlin, by an article in the warrant of March 2, 1891, elected a Board of three Library Trustees.

These succeeded in organizing a Free Public Library, which was ready for public distribution on July 11, 1891. In 1895 the Library contained 858 volumes.

The nucleus of 190 books has increased, by public and private contributions, to a capacity of 10,593 volumes, with a circulation of 4,585 in the year 1952. The circulation has decreased somewhat since the Memorial School has established a school library.

The original appropriation of \$50.00 in 1891 has been increased from time to time until the report of 1952 showed the sum of \$1,746.59 in available funds for library purposes. This includes the Town appropriation of \$850.00, dog tax of \$422.38, and the income from nine trust funds of \$474.21.

The housing of the Library was a problem which gave the committee a great deal of concern. At first, a location was secured in a private home at the Center, then in one corner of the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall, and later to enlarged quarters in the room across from the Selectmen's Room. But as the number of books gradually increased, and the shelves were loaded, a plea was made for some "noble benefactor" to make possible a "memorial temple" for the Library. Bolton has her "Whitney Memorial Library," and Boylston the "Sawyer Memorial Library," but Berlin must be content to be more democratic and allow the "people" the privilege of building a suitable public library.

Seeing this ultimatum, certain public spirited citizens became enthusiastic and busied themselves in creating a suitable public sentiment towards erecting such a building. It was at a meeting of the Tuesday Club on October 28, 1902, that Mrs. Catherine L. Lasselle gave the first silver dollar to start a building fund for a public library. This was supported by pledges from several other members of the Club. Through this move public interest was aroused to such an extent that at the March Town Meeting of 1906 \$1,000 was appropriated from the treasury to be set aside for library purposes.

An opportunity was given during the Centennial Celebration of August in 1912 to bring this before the public by having in the parade a float bearing a replica of the proposed building. Over nineteen thousand dollars, accumulated during a period of

more than twenty years, was secured from gifts, plays, and entertainments presented by various persons and groups.

The first public action was taken in the Town Meeting of February 1926 when, under Article 19, a committee was appointed to see about a library building. From then until 1929 the committee was busy laying plans for the building and collecting funds for the payment of the same. On December 6, 1928, the books were moved into the new Library and on Saturday, December 8th, the new Library was opened to the public.

The Library is open to the public every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. and on Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

The following rules have been adopted to aid in the care and preservation of the books:

(1) Books may be kept for two weeks and may be renewed once for the same period, except seven day books and magazines.

(2) A fine of two cents a week will be charged on each book which is not returned according to the above rule. No book will be issued to any person incurring such a fine, until it has been paid.

(3) All injuries to books, beyond reasonable wear, and all losses shall be made good to the satisfaction of the Librarian.

(4) Each borrower is held responsible for all books drawn on his card, and for all fines occurring on the same.

This new brick Colonial-type library building was erected upon the lot of land, at the corner of Walnut and Carter Streets, which was given by James D. Tyler to the Town for "Library purposes" in 1915. In addition to the building, the grounds were beautified by the setting out of trees and shrubbery on a well-seeded lawn. Cement walks lead to Walnut and Carter Streets and a protective curbing encloses the grounds.

The Town has been fortunate in having a group of faithful and interested Librarians since its organization on July 11, 1891. The following persons have served in this capacity:

Miss Sarah I. Hastings	July 11, 1891 to 1893	
Miss Mary M. Babcock (Wheeler)	1893 - 1903	(1921-1925)
Miss Alice E. Babcock	1903 - 1920	
Mrs. Helen M. Sawyer	1925 - 1927	
Miss Ethel M. G. Sawyer	1927 - 1946	

Mrs. Hazel L. Sawyer	1946 - 1959
Mrs. Helen L. Pierce	1959 - Date

The transactions of the Berlin Public Library were placed under the management of a Board of three Trustees in 1891 and this arrangement continued until 1902. At the Town Meeting of 1902 it was voted to add three more members to the Board of Library Trustees, making six members, two to be elected each year for a term of three years.* Among these there have been some long periods of service. Mary A. Bassett (1900-1917), Nellie C. Carter (1903-1931), Ida J. Sawyer (1905-1929), Sarah H. Dudley (1917-1938), Frances E. Rice (1918-1934), Edith R. S. Sawyer (1919-1945), Marion C. Fromant (1931-1954).

*See list of Library Trustees under Chapter V on Civic Affairs.

CHAPTER IV

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Indian Raids (1675-1676)

Before the settlement of Berlin territory proper, its potential inhabitants were engaged in defending their home country. It is true that the Indians, through their Chief Sholan, sold to a company of white men a tract of eighty square miles, including the Berlin territory, in 1643, with the retaining privileges of their hunting, fishing, and planting grounds. As the settlements increased and the lands were being occupied by the white man, the Indians became suspicious of losing these privileges.

So, under the leadership of King Philip, several raids were made upon the inhabitants of Lancaster, with the idea of driving the white settlers out and regaining their former territory. The first of these attacks was on a Sunday afternoon, August 22, 1675, when eight persons were scalped and killed, among whom was a Joseph Wheeler.

The most tragic event occurred on February 10, 1676 (known as the Rowlandson Massacre) when fifty-five persons were afflicted. Fourteen were killed and the remainder were carried away into captivity, and some of these died on the way. Among those killed were Mrs. Elizabeth Kerley and two sons; John Ball, wife and child; Ephraim Sawyer; Richard Wheeler; Jonas and Joshua Fairbanks. Four children of Lieut. Henry Kerley, and two children of John Ball were carried into captivity.

Descendants of all of these families have settled in Berlin, and it was the concern of these to avenge the injury inflicted upon them during this period. It was thus that Jabez Fairbanks became known as "an Indian fighter and a terror to their tribe."

French and Indian War (1689-1763)

(KING WILLIAM'S WAR)

Starting in 1689, England and France were engaged in a series of wars for mastery in Europe and for commercial and colonial supremacy throughout the world. This series of intermittent wars was concluded in the Treaty of Paris in 1763. During this period many attacks were made upon this vicinity by the Indians, spurred on by the French.

The Town of Lancaster had become well fortified, having eight garrisons scattered about the Town. But surprise attacks were made upon them. In July of 1692 a surprise attack was made upon the family of Peter Joslin, when Mrs. Joslin and three young children were killed and, also, Mrs. Hannah Whitcomb. Elizabeth Howe of Marlboro (visiting her sister) was taken captive. She was ransomed after four years and married Thomas Keyes.

On a Sunday, in the autumn of 1695, Abraham Wheeler was mortally wounded while on his way to his home from the Sawyer garrison. About five years later, in September of 1697, the Town was again attacked. The result of this bloody raid and massacre was that nineteen were killed and eight carried into captivity. Among these were ancestors of Berlin families of Hudsons and Fairbanks.

(QUEEN ANNE'S WAR)

This conflict continued during the Queen Anne's War. A force of French and Indians made an onslaught on the George Hill garrison of Lancaster on the early morn of July 31, 1704, but were repulsed. Yet Lieut. Nathaniel Wilder was mortally wounded and the dwellings of Ephraim Wilder, Samuel Carter, Thomas Ross, and Philip Goss were burned.

The next visit of the Indians, with hostile intent, was on October 15, 1705, when Thomas Sawyer, Jr., his son Elias, and John Bigelow were captured at their Deershorn sawmill and carried into Canada. After a miraculous experience, and the building of Canada's first sawmill, they were permitted to return home.

(KING GEORGE’S WAR)

The French and Indian War proper started in 1754 with the English and French contending for control of the Ohio Valley. During the early years of the war, the French won many victories, the most important being the defeat of General Braddock, in the attack on Fort Duquesne (Pittsburgh). Braddock’s forces would have been completely destroyed were it not for the skill of one of his Colonial officers, George Washington. Consequently, the English redoubled their efforts in North America. Additional troupes were sent to the Colonies, which, together with the Colonial militia, began to turn the tide of battle. The Treaty of Paris (1763) eliminated France as a colonial power in North America.

When the Colonial regiments were released, the men from Lancaster marched through the woods of Vermont, arriving home on December 1, 1759, amid great rejoicing. Among the Bolton soldiers in the French and Indian War, there were sixteen who lived on Berlin territory. They were:

Nathaniel Hastings	Peter Larkin
Nathaniel Hastings, Jr.	Edmund Larkin
Benjamin Houghton	William Larkin
Joseph Priest	Mathias Larkin
John Pollard	Abraham Bruce
William Pollard	Jabez Fairbanks
Jabez Beers	Robert Fosgate
John McBride	Joshua Johnson

The next few years were peaceful. The only warlike activity was the drilling of the militia on the village Common. Each town in Worcester County had a company of militia, and Bolton’s captain was Samuel Baker (of Berlin). In 1767, a second militia company was organized; but all militia training was abandoned, on order of the County Convention, in 1774.

The American Revolution

Following the Treaty of Paris, the English Government adopted a new policy toward the Colonies. This had three basic objectives:

- (1) Reassert English political and economic control over the Colonies;
- (2) Restore Colonial respect for English laws;
- (3) Compel the Colonies to bear part of the cost of the French and Indian War.

What did the inhabitants of Berlin do about these infringements upon their colonial "freedoms"? Although Berlin was an integral part of Bolton during this period, many of the inhabitants living in the southern part of the town did their share in the preparations and defense of their homeland. They were alert; their experience in the French-Indian War qualified them for self-defense.

On July 15, 1773, Samuel Baker and Joshua Johnson were members of a five-man committee which was assigned to meet jointly in Boston with the Committee of Correspondence. The Hon. Samuel Baker was a faithful delegate to the several conventions of the Committee of Correspondence held in Worcester during the summer and autumn of 1774, and always registered his vote for the interest of the Colonies. He was also a delegate to the First Provincial Congress, which met in Salem in the autumn of 1774.

Tradition has it "that Land'ord Jones" had a gun in readiness at "Ye Jones' Inn" to give warning of any approaching crisis demanding immediate attention. So when, on the morning of April 19, 1775, a courier announced the approach of the British troops on Concord, *boom* went Jones' gun, and the warning was picked up by William Babcock of Turner Road, who left his plow standing, and hastened with gun and knapsack toward Concord and Lexington. Very soon Samuel Baker, Silas Carley, Joseph Rice, Samuel Spafford and others followed his trail.

On March 2, 1896, it was voted "To see if the town will appropriate a sum sufficient to place a marker of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each Revolutionary Soldier or Sailor buried in this town." The provisions of this article were realized when, on May 30, 1957, markers and flags were placed at the graves of the Revolutionary War soldiers. (See under acts of E. H. Hartshorn Camp No. 43, for fuller description.)

On the records of the "Old Cemetery" there are the names of thirty-two men of Berlin who served in the Revolutionary War. The list is as follows:

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
1.	Adam Bartlett	July 22, 1828	74
2.	Robert Fife	Apr. 22, 1787	40
3.	James Fife	Nov. 21, 1790	31
4.	Nathan Johnson	Dec. 23, 1832	84
5.	Capt. Edward Johnson	Oct. 29, 1784	70
6.	Joshua Johnson	Jan. 25, 1832	86
7.	Amos Johnson	July 12, 1825	74
8.	James Ball	Sept. 15, 1784	58
9.	Nathaniel Hastings	1820	82
10.	Eleazer Johnson	July 3, 1791	74
11.	John Larkin	Apr. 12, 1841	80
12.	Peter Larkin	Apr. 13, 1815	88
13.	Col. Silas Bailey	Oct. 30, 1793	71
14.	Stephen Bailey	Feb. 12, 1815	61
15.	Benjamin Nurse	Apr. 23, 1804	49
16.	Samuel Baker	May 4, 1795	73
17.	David Taylor	Aug. 30, 1795	72
18.	Joseph Priest	July 31, 1817	85
19.	Ichabod Jones	May 14, 1778	43
20.	Lieut. Timothy Jones	July 7, 1822	82
21.	Jesse Jewett	Feb. 5, 1829	76
22.	Samuel Jones	Jan. 23, 1797	76
23.	Holman Priest	Jan. 22, 1831	85
24.	Jonathan Merriam	Jan. 5, 1823	81
25.	Levi Merriam	Mar. 19, 1812	56
26.	Capt. Samuel Spafford	Nov. 6, 1809	47
27.	James Goddard	Jan. 13, 1815	84
28.	Joel Fosgate	Mar. 24, 1824	73
29.	Thomas Pollard	Oct. 2, 1827	84
30.	Job Spofford	Apr. 5, 1840	87
31.	Capt. Samuel Jones, Jr.	Sept. 22, 1811	55
32.	Fortunatus Barnes	Nov. 9, 1807	69

Shay's Rebellion

The cost of a war must be borne by the victor as well as by those defeated. The War of the Revolution was over; the Colonists had gained their independence, but its wounds had not been

healed. Grievances developed into the "Shay's Rebellion." Bodies of armed men interrupted sessions of courts in Worcester and Springfield. In January of 1787 Shay led 2,000 men to capture the arsenal at Springfield, but was opposed by the militia under General Shepherd. The prompt action of the State authorities put a speedy check on the insurrection.

It was evidently a precautionary measure that prompted the District of Berlin to vote on March 8, 1786, "that the town stock of arms and ammunition be divided between the Town of Bolton and the District of Berlin, according to the incorporation act."

The records of Berlin are very shady as to what attitude the citizens took toward this insurrection. It is apparent that the District was well divided on the subject. At a special District Meeting of September 18, 1786, they voted to send William Sawyer to the County Convention to be held in the house of Mr. Snow (Innholder) in Paxton. Mr. Sawyer had previously attended a convention in Worcester on August 15th, to formulate a statement of grievances. No report of the action of these conventions is recorded, but, according to the vote of the March meeting of 1787, Mr. Sawyer was allowed one pound, ten shillings and six pence for seven days of service at conventions.

At the same March meeting it was voted "To see if the District will make any allowance to the soldiers that went into the service in support of the Government or aided others to find equipment." The trend of public opinion was expressed in the election of April 2, 1787, when James Bowdoin received twelve votes for Governor, while John Hancock (who was supposed to be more in sympathy with the rebellious element) received thirty-three votes.

Judge Samuel Baker was a staunch advocate for the maintenance of law and order, and no doubt his influence kept the District from getting into an unpleasant entanglement. Nevertheless, some of the naughty rebels assaulted Judge Baker at the foot of Randall Road, as he was returning from his duties at the Court in Worcester.

Once again a milestone in the civic life of Berlin coincides with a belligerent period of the nation's history. The Town of Berlin was incorporated on February 6, 1812, and on the following

eighteenth of June the United States declared war on Great Britain.

The general sentiment of the Town of Berlin in relation to this War was evidently in unison with that of most of the towns of the Commonwealth. That is, while they opposed the policy of the administration, they were ready to support the government by personal service whenever called upon to defend the State from foreign invasion.

In the election for Governor in 1812 Berlin cast ninety-five votes for Caleb Strong and only two for Elbridge Gerry. Gerry was known to be in favor of prosecuting the war, while Strong resolutely refused to comply with the orders of the Secretary of War, which was for Massachusetts to furnish 10,000 men. He proposed, instead, to organize the militia and have them ready on call for the defense of the State, if invaded by the enemy.

The District of Berlin was prompt in taking action against the enforcement of the embargo. At the meeting of February 6th, 1809, it was "voted to petition the Legislature to interpose for our constitutional relief against the late arbitrary and unjust violations of the rights of the people." And a much stronger protest was drafted as of July 4, 1812, and sent to the Legislature with this note: "voted unanimously that the foregoing be adapted as being the sense of the inhabitants of the Town of Berlin."

The records are silent as to who served in this war, but, at the Town Meeting of November 2, 1812, it was voted "To pay the soldiers one dollar and thirty-three cents for mustering at Lancaster last August"; and, at the meeting of March 1, 1813, it was voted to "add one quarter of a pound of powder to each soldier, in addition to what the law allows."

The Powder-House, built in 1814, was virtually a memorial to the War of 1812. At a Town Meeting held on March 7, 1814, it was "voted to build a powder house for the safe storage of ammunition." Then they voted to choose a Committee, consisting of Captain Henry Powers, Deacon Stephen Bailey, and Captain Solomon Howe, to build the same. They must have felt the serious need of such a storage building, for it set a precedent in speedy construction.

When a group of the Youth Fellowship made a historic visitation to the old "Powder-House" in 1950, one of the modern ladies

asked: "What brand of face power did they store up here, and why, in this out-of-the-way place?" "Well," replied one of the young men, "A soldier faces powder, but a lady powders her face." "Ha! Ha!"

The treaty of Ghent, which terminated the War, was signed on December 24, 1814, but the battle of New Orleans was fought fifteen days later, for the news had not reached Washington in time to prevent it. The last survivor of the 1812 War (for Berlin) was John D. Merrill, who died in 1886 at the age of eighty-eight years.

The Militia

Berlin had formed the "Old Militia," which was known as the 9th Co., of the 1st Regiment of Worcester County Division and attached to the 2nd Brigade of the 6th and 7th Divisions of the Infantry arm of the service. Barnabas Maynard was their first Captain, commissioned in 1787. Thirty-three men are listed as members of this militia, with varying ranks—captains, lieutenants and ensigns. John D. Merrill was a Sea Captain; Joseph Parks and Timothy Bailey were attached to the Cavalry, during the War of 1812.

List of the Militia

Captains

Barnabas Maynard
 Josiah Sawyer
 Samuel Jones, Jr.
 Job Spofford
 Manasseh Fairbanks
 Ephraim Howe
 Amos Sawyer
 Oliver Sawyer
 William Newton
 Solomon Howe
 William Barnes
 Curtis Howe
 Theophilus Nourse
 Benjamin F. Spofford
 Paul Brigham

Lieutenants

Samuel Baker, Jr.
 Augustus Bigelow
 Ira Sawyer
 John Powers
 Albert Babcock
 William Babcock

Ensigns

Henry Powers
 Aaron Barnes
 Joseph Wilder

Sea Captain (1812)

John D. Merrill

John Bartlett
Silas B. Fairbank
Franklin Sawyer
Silas Sawyer

Cavalry
Joseph Parks
Timothy Bailey

Civil War

Following the agitation and turmoil of the War of 1812, the community of Berlin enjoyed a period of rest and prosperity for almost a half century. The population of the Town had increased from 600 to 1106 in 1860. Industry, as well as agriculture, had developed to a high level.

The nation, as a whole, had enlarged itself in territory, as well as in population. By 1853 the United States of America possessed all the territory which comprises our forty-eight states; and the population in 1860 was 31,443,321.

Prior to 1854 the two major political parties in the United States were the *Whigs* and the *Democrats*. In 1854 some Northern Whigs and Democrats, who opposed the Kansas-Nebraska Bill and were determined to continue the fight against the extension of slavery, formed the *Republican* Party. Its antislavery platform proved popular, and the new party gained many adherents.

At the Democratic Convention in the Spring of 1860, they were divided into two groups over the slavery question. Abraham Lincoln of Illionis, the Republican candidate, was elected on a platform "opposed to the extension of slavery and favoring internal improvements, a protective tariff, and a homestead act"—all of which appealed to the Northern and Western voters. At the start of the Civil War (1861) there were twenty Union States, eleven Confederate States, and two Border States, making a total of thirty-three states.

The people of Berlin were not totally ignorant of what was transpiring in the nation. The first notice that hostilities had commenced was announced by Amos Sawyer (the veteran expressman and stage-driver) from his coach to the multitude that had assembled at the Post Office. This was on the eve of April 12, 1861, as he read in clear tones from the *Boston Liberator* the account of the attack on Fort Sumter.

Immediately, Berlin sprang into action; the Selectmen called a

meeting at the Town House on May 6 (1861), and proposed to raise a whole company. Projects for drilling were perfected. The Company assembled and paraded on the Common and then marched to Northboro, under command of Captain C. S. Hastings, to show the Northboroans that the Berlineans were alive and ready for action and eager to obtain recruits for the new Company.

The first official action took place on May sixth, when the town appropriated \$2,000 for fitting out volunteers for the defense of the government. This action was in response to the President's call for 75,000 men to serve for three months. On July 25, 1862, it was voted to pay \$100 to each volunteer who might enlist in the service of the country to constitute the quota for the Town of Berlin for three years' service.

We have the following statement from the Adj. Gen. Schouler's *History of Massachusetts in the Rebellion*: "Berlin furnished 130 men for the war—a surplus of nine over demands. The whole amount of money appropriated by the town, on account of the war, was \$14,013.22."

These Berlin Civil War Service Men were listed as follows:

23 died in service	14 in Co. I, 36th Reg.
4 died soon after discharge	3 in Co. K, 53rd Reg.
22 in Co. I, 5th Reg.	2 Naval Service
13 in Co. F, 13th Reg.	4 Mass. 3rd Cavalry
4 in Co. D, 22nd Reg.	6 Mass. Hvy. Artillery
5 in Co. I, 25th Reg.	7 Various other reg.
2 in Co. H, 29th Reg.	27 in other branches

The ladies of Berlin formed a soldiers' aid society and did soldiers' work for the Sanitary Commission. They also collected over \$7,000 to purchase material to be made into clothing for the soldiers.

The graves of four of these veterans of the Civil War are in the Old Cemetery, and seventy-five others rest in the Pleasant Street Cemetery. Captain C. S. Hastings headed the death roll of soldiers, having died on September 8, 1863, at Mound City, Ill., while on his homeward journey. The last of these Berlin Civil War Veterans to answer the summons to abide with the immortals was John L. Day, who died on July 20, 1928.

List of Civil War Veterans whose graves are in the

OLD CEMETERY

Ezra K. Bartlett,
Hollis Johnson

John N. P. Johnson
John A. Merrill

SOUTH CEMETERY

Allen, Nathan M.	Fuller, Samuel	Rathburn, James F.
Andrews, George H.	Goddard, Silas	Rathburn, Thomas F.
Andrews, Samuel E.	Gott, Lemuel	Rice, Thomas
Ball, Thomas B.	Hadlock, Everett	Rich, Charles S.
Babcock, Francis	Hale, Charles F.	Rich, Henry P.
Babcock, Harrison T.	Hartshorn, Augustus	Robbins, John
Babcock, William T.	Hartshorn, Edward H.	Rose, John F.
Barnard, Edward	Harper, Augustus A.	Sawyer, David Sumner
Bickford, Charles J.	Hastings, Augustus	Sawyer, Eli
Bigelow, Edwin J.	Hastings, Capt. C. S.	Sawyer, Oliver
Bigelow, George E.	Hebard, Everett A.	Sawyer, Rufus C.
Bliss, Charles H.	Holder, Henry R.	Snow, Charles H.
Bruce, John L.	Howe, Alanson S.	Staples, Joseph
Bruce, Willard G.	Howe, George L.	Starkey, Charles D.
Bryant, Edward S.	Hunting, Joseph W.	Stetson, Warren I.
Bullard, James M.	Jones, John A.	Snow, Ansel L.
Burgess, Wood J.	Keyes, John F.	Stone, Homer E.
Carter, Calvin	Knight, George W.	Upham, Otis K.
Carter, Isreal F.	Lewis, Marshall J.	Walker, Benjamin S.
Chamberlain,	Miller, Frederick	Webber, Andrew P.
Spencer C.	Maynard, Charles H.	Wheeler, George C.
Coburn, William H.	Merrill, Sewall H.	Wheeler, Oliver P.
Dailey, Ebenezer W.	Moore, John A.	White, Daniel A.
Day, John L.	Morse, Charles	Woodbury, Zoheth B.
Fry, Samson W.	Osgood, William	Wright, Charles C.

In order to preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late Rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead, the Grand Army of the Republic was organized. Post 54, G.A.R., was organized in Berlin, on June 23, 1868, with ten charter members. On September 25, they adopted the name of the John B. Gough, Post 54, which they retained until February 1, 1881, when they chose and adopted the name of the Captain C. S. Hastings, Post 54. Their enrollment increased to sixty-nine members. Charles H. Staples, a former

member of Post 54, removed to Leominster Post 53 in 1896. He died on June 11, 1944; his portrait is in Memorial Hall.

Associated with the G.A.R., as an auxiliary, was the Women's Relief Corps. Later their place was filled by the Daughters of Veterans, whose membership consisted of female descendents of soldiers, sailors, or Marines of the War of the Rebellion.

The new Town Hall was dedicated with appropriate exercises on March 2, 1870. In connection with this, Memorial Hall, a room on the first floor of said Town Hall, was dedicated as the Town's memorial to "those of Berlin who had served in the late Civil War." The marble tablets were located in the walls, and, furthermore, the walls are bedecked with the portraits of seventy-eight (78) late Civil War Veterans. With the many war relics, this makes a museum of worthy public notice.

In 1870 Memorial Day was established by the National Encampment of the G.A.R. for the purpose of commemorating the deeds and memory of the fallen comrades. Each year thereafter, on May thirtieth, Berlin has observed this order with appropriate exercises in the Town Hall, at the graves, and at memorials. Flags and flowers are placed upon the graves of all servicemen, and each year there is an article in the Town Warrant—"to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day." This sum has increased from \$50.00 in 1894 to \$400 in the year 1955.

The E. H. Hartshorn Camp No. 43, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was organized on March 26, 1888, with twelve (12) charter members. The prime object of the organization was "to keep green the memories of our fathers and their sacrifice for the maintenance of the Union."

Under date of March 13, 1922, the C. H. Hastings Post No. 54, G.A.R., made an affidavit to surrender all rights and title of the furnishings of Memorial Hall to E. H. Hartshorn Camp No. 43, S.U.V. of C.W. These furnishings included the chairs, tables, desks, altar with Bible, tablets and framed portraits on the walls, and all relics stored therein.

Camp No. 43 assumed full charge of the services and program for Memorial Day. Around the year 1938 it became the practice for the American Legion (H. Wallace Woodward Post No. 162) to co-operate and share with Camp No. 43 in the proper observance of Memorial Day. Finally, after the passing of Walter J.

Allen (December 20, 1945), the Camp surrendered the Memorial Day Program to the American Legion.

Appropriate recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of E. H. Hartshorn Camp No. 43 was observed in the Town Hall on the evening of April 18, 1938. Members of all of the local patriotic orders and visiting patriots participated in the exercises.

A pitch party was held on February 12, 1942, to raise funds to procure grave-markers for the soldiers of the Revolutionary War who rest in the Old Cemetery. In co-operation with the Art & Historical Society these markers were procured, and on Memorial Day (May 30, 1957) the markers with flags were placed at the graves during the impressive exercises conducted by the H. Wallace Woodward Post No. 162 of the American Legion.

Camp No. 43 is credited (October 8, 1955) with the contribution of \$100.00 toward the "Building for Youth Campaign" of the First Parish Church of Berlin.

The "high day" of the Camp No. 43 was around their anniversary date (1938) when their roster showed a membership of seventy-four (74). Their membership has been gradually reduced by death and withdrawal of members of the American Legion who felt that they did not care to belong to two patriotic orders, and chose the "modern" Veterans' organization. Thus, the ranks of the Camp No. 43 has been reduced to ten (10) non-service men.

James E. Andrews, who died on May 17, 1954, was the last one of the Charter Members. At the conclusive meeting of Camp No. 43, held on January 12, 1958, it was voted "to disband as per date of April 23, 1958 (this being their seventieth birthday), that the rights and title of their furnishings and property in Memorial Hall be bequeathed to the Berlin Art & Historical Society for their preservation, that the residue of their funds (\$162.65) be bequeathed to the Town of Berlin to establish a Trust Fund to provide for the maintenance of grave-markers of G.A.R. and S.U.V. members."

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS E. H. HARTSHORN CAMP No. 43

<i>Member</i>	<i>Son of</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Died</i>
Elmer E. Allen	Nathan M. Allen	2-6-1862	9-27-1937
James E. Andrews	George H. Andrews	9-12-1865	5-17-1954

Arthur K. Andrews	Samuel E. Andrews	5-19-1867	8-19-1916
George E. Andrews	Samuel E. Andrews	2-14-1870	7-16-1929
Spencer C. Chamberlin, Jr.	S. C. Chamberlin	6-21-1862	6-7-1917
Forrest E. Day	John L. Day	12-23-1866	12-2-1945
Lewis E. Day	John L. Day	7-3-1869	5-12-1933
Frank E. Knight	George W. Knight	1867	Transf. 1902
Charles L. Knight	George W. Knight	1870	11-2-1942
Walter E. Merrill	John A. Merrill	12-24-1870	2-15-1932
Robert M. Pratt	Wheelock Pratt	1863	Transf. 1912
Fred R. H. Stetson	Warren I. Stetson	1-20-1871	6-23-1914

The Auxiliary to E. H. Hartshorn Camp No. 43 was organized on March 3, 1934, with twenty-four charter members, their object being to assist the Sons in "keeping green the memories of the Soldiers of the Civil War." Membership includes wives and daughters of "Sons of Union Veterans" as well as daughters of Veterans. The order surrendered their charter on December 17, 1957.

Spanish-American War

Some of the basic causes of the Spanish-American War were:

- (a) Humanitarianism. America's interest in Cuba's desire for independence.
- (b) Economic interests. America's trade with Cuba amounted to about one hundred million dollars per year.
- (c) Yellow journalism. The press published sensational news about Cuba's ill-treatment by the Spaniards.
- (d) Sinking of the Maine on February 15, 1898. Hostilities lasted only 113 days, ending with the treaty of peace signed in Paris on December 10, 1898.

This war marked the emergence of the United States as a world power with colonial possessions in the Caribbean and the Pacific. Spain ceded the Philippines to the United States for \$20,000,000. The Filipinos were dissatisfied with the form of self-government offered them, so they carried on an insurrection warfare against the American Government from February 22, 1899, to July 4, 1901. The cost to the United States for this sup-

pressionary revolt was almost as great as that of the Spanish-American War proper.

There is no reference to the Spanish-American War in the town records; neither was there any native of Berlin known to have enlisted in the service from Berlin. There were, however, three persons who saw service in this war who came to Berlin later and while here participated in the exercises and programs of the military orders. These were William W. Jacobs, Robert E. Bryan, and Robert F. Keith.

World War I

In the years prior to 1914, the nations of Europe were divided into two hostile alliances, nearly equal in strength. These were the Central Powers and the Allies. These alliances provoked each other into a series of international incidents or crises.

When the war started in August of 1914, President Wilson issued a *Proclamation of Neutrality* urging the American people to be "neutral in fact as well as in name." Then, on April 6, 1917, he went before Congress to ask for a declaration of war against Germany. From thence the War covered a period of approximately seventeen months. By the summer of 1918 the German High Command knew that it had lost the war. Germany sued for peace, and an armistice was signed on November 11, 1918.

On May 17 (1917) the Army Draft was passed and signed by the President on the next day; but already a large per cent of Berlin's eligibles had volunteered and enlisted in Company M, 5th Regiment, at Hudson. This body was later merged into the 101st Infantry.

Seventy-two citizens of Berlin volunteered their services for their country in World War I. Of this number, two brothers, H. Wallace and C. Sumner Woodward made the supreme sacrifice. Wallace was killed in action in France on October 23, 1918, and Sumner died of pneumonia at Camp Devens.

Early in 1919 the town began to give cognizance of this service, for it was voted in the Town Meeting of March (1919) to erect a Roll of Honor for the men and women who had served in World War I. Furthermore, in the March Meeting of 1920, they raised the question of naming some street Woodward Ave.

in honor of the Woodward boys. They chose for this purpose that portion of Walnut Street which extends from the Woodward home northward, passing before the Town Hall, to the junction with Carter Street.

Less than a year after the signing of the Armistice, thirty-five of the World War Veterans became charter members of the H. Wallace Woodward Post No. 162 of the American Legion. This group organized on August 19, 1919, in Memorial Hall of the Berlin Town Hall. Benjamin Marble was elected Commander and Leland C. Maynard as Adjutant.

The body of H. Wallace Woodward was brought home and buried with military honors on October 23, 1921, just three years from the time of his death. The funeral service was held in the Town Hall, in charge of the H. Wallace Woodward Post No. 162, and interment was in the family lot at Pleasant Street Cemetery.

The action on the article of March 3, 1919, "to erect a Roll of Honor" was delayed for several years, due to the difficulty encountered in finding a suitable marker and location. But, in the meeting of February 3, 1930, the town voted \$1,000 and named a committee of three (Henry A. Wheeler, Walter Cole and Robert E. Taylor), with power to act. Consequently, on Armistice Day, November 11, 1930, a beautiful and fitting memorial monument of Milford granite, supporting a bronze tablet bearing the seventy-two names, was dedicated with appropriate exercises. This was located in a conspicuous position on the Common, facing Central Street.

This bronze tablet was relocated in the new Memorial School building, so that on May 30, 1951, the American Legion held their memorial exercises there.

BERLIN HONOR ROLL 1917 WORLD WAR 1918

"Dedicated to those who answered their country's call"

Ralph Bailey	Roy L. Keizer	Edward J. Seymour
Alfred J. Boyd	George L. Kriss	Orison B. Sloat
Ralph S. Boyd	Wilbur E. Larkin	C. Gardner Small
Harry F. Bradley	Winfield O. Larkin	George E. Stone
Leon A. Brewer	John R. Lasselle	Robert E. Taylor
Harry W. Butler	Halsey B. Lewis	Arthur E. Turnbull
Henry W. Calkins	Benjamin Marble	Robert W. Turnbull
George L. Carter	Carl Marble	Fred W. Ulrich

Chester E. Cole	Ralph P. Marble	William C. Ulrich
Benjamin H. Coolidge	Elmer C. Matthews	Cecil B. Wheeler
A. Eason Coulson	Leland C. Maynard	Lloyd L. Wheeler
Cyril E. Coulson	Harold D. Middleton	Raymond H. Wheeler
Ernest B. Coulson	John T. Nolan	Sidney W. Wheeler
Kenneth W. Crossman	Arthur F. O'Keefe	A. Eugene Wilder
W. Stanley Crossman	William O'Keefe	C. Sumner Woodward
A. Gorham Davis	J. William Parmenter	H. Wallace Woodward
George E. Duggan	Chester P. Randall	Y.M.C.A.
Raymond M. Duggan	Donald E. Ross	J. Adams Puffer
Walter T. End	Leroy E. Sargent	Raymond Ware
Howard H. Evers	Walter L. Sargent	Alfred Ware
Fred H. Fosgate	Frank Sargent	Willard Ware
Harry E. Hadlock	Walter S. Sawtelle	RED CROSS
Ralph E. Hartshorn	Wesley S. Sawyer	Mary W. Dewson
Everett W. Howe	William G. Sawyer	Mary G. Porter
Franklin O. Jacobs	Arthur J. Seymour	

World War II

The Second World War (1939-1945) lasted for a period of six years and ultimately involved most of the nations of the world. In the initial phase of the war, startling German victories seemed to doom the Allied cause. However, England grimly held on alone, and the Axis made two costly errors. Their first mistake was the attack upon Russia in June of 1941. The second mistake was the attack upon the United States.

The Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, occurred on December 7, 1941. The next day Congress voted for war and the President declared a state of war with Japan and the vote of Congress was 470 to 1 for the war. On the 11th of December, the German and Italian declarations of war on the United States brought quick response from Congress.

The anticipation of the possibility of the United States being drawn into this conflict caused the nation to launch a program of massive preparations for national defense. So, on January 3, 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked for wartime powers and urged higher taxes for defense. On the 11th, he called for a five-year program for the Navy to build 150 ships; and on October 16 17,000,000 between the ages of 21 and 35 were registered for selective service. On this date 94 Berlin men registered. Berlin fell into the Clinton Area No. 53.

Early in the year of 1941 machinery was oiled and greased for Civilian Defense Organizations. Berlin, as has been her custom, fell in line with the program, and when the clarion call went forth she was found among the ranks of willing workers. Due to his military training, Edward Crowley was chosen Director of Civilian Defense for the Town.

In July of 1940 he gave notice of his purpose to form a group of civilian defense workers. In response to this call, some 150 persons registered and were assigned to various positions. In order to qualify for efficient service, the chairmen of the various divisions attended schools of instruction in Boston and Worcester. In addition to these preparations, several defense meetings were held in the Town Hall, which were well attended. Instructions were received demonstrating the proper conduct in case of a "black-out" and the handling of the situation in case of a fire-bomb attack.

First aid classes were organized under efficient instructors and knitting was also done for the Red Cross. A drive for funds for the Red Cross in February 1942 resulted in raising \$544.19.

When the second registration was held on February 15-16 of 1942 (which included all men between the ages of twenty and forty-four that had not entered the armed service or previously registered), Berlin added seventy-five men to the list. At the registration of April 26-27 (1942), including all men between forty-five and sixty-five, one hundred and twelve (112) men of Berlin filled out the cards.

In order to carry out the program of Civil Defense, it was voted in the Town Meeting of February 1942 "to appropriate \$1,000 to be used to cover expenses for purchasing three air raid sirens and materials for blacking out the Town Hall or any other emergencies."

Then, in order to get a line on what the Country could produce for the cause of defense and victory, the government caused to be taken a survey among farmers, to determine what amount of foodstuff had been produced in 1941, and to get an estimate for 1942. Returns on this survey, held in December of 1941, showed that the farmers of Berlin had 308 cows that produced 2,070,747 lbs. of milk; 5,560 hens that laid 83,600 dozen eggs; and 2,685 turkeys. It was estimated that this production could be in-

creased by seven per cent during the subsequent year—provided the farms could be supplied with the necessary equipment, supplies, and fuel.

President Truman officially declared May 8, 1945 as V-E Day (day of thanksgiving for victory in Europe), but the United States still had much more cleaning up to do, until Japan surrendered unconditionally on August 14, 1945. Then President Truman officially declared September 2, 1945, as V-J Day since on that day the Japanese formally surrendered on board the United States Battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

When the roll was called for Berlin, of those who had served their country's cause in World War II, the response was one hundred and fifty-five (155) men and women, whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Plaque placed in the hallway of the Berlin Memorial School building in 1951. Eleven of these have been awarded the Gold Star (*).

HONOR ROLL WORLD WAR II

Allen, John C.	Brown, Prescott E.
Allen, Ronald A.	*Bryan, Robert T. K.
Allsobrooks, Arthur H.	Burke, Francis C.
Allsobrooks, Walter K.	Carter, Jonas E.
Andrews, Kendall E.	Ciesluk, Adolph
Ash, Charles E.	Ciesluk, John E.
Bacon, Silas H.	Clark, Richard B.
*Barter, Alfred W.	Clark, Wesley E.
Barter, Bruce M.	Coldwell, Robert B.
Barter, Carl A.	Collins, John E.
Barter, Paul G.	*Collins, Joseph L.
Bartlett, Everett E. Jr.	Cooley, George L.
*Bartlett, Thomas R.	Coulson, Ann M.
Bellarosa, James	Coulson, Henry E.
Bellarosa, Markey	Crossman, William J.
Betts, Eloi D.	Cummings, Herbert
Blenkhorn, Glendon H.	Dilling, Perley
*Bosselman, Harry M.	Diniz, Joseph F.
Bostwick, Emerson A.	Dupont, Raymond E.
Bradley, John	Estey, Vera E.
Braman, Merle V.	Evans, Richard R.
Braman, Roger E.	Falby, Chester E.
Brandt, Eric A.	Forhan, John H.

- Foster, Lawrence R.
Grala, Frank S.
Guild, Robert H.
Haase, Roland A.
*Hallett, Albion W.
*Harper, Lawrence R.
Harry, Angelo G.
Harry, Nicholas G.
Hill, Kenneth B.
Hobbs, Carlton R.
Holder, David F.
Homan, Charles W. J.
Hopfmann, Ralph M.
Hudson, Everett F.
Jackson, Rachel M.
Jacobs, Donald A.
Jacobs, Richard E.
Jewett, Frederick W.
Jillson, Jenness A.
Johnson, David A.
Johnson, Phillip A.
Jones, Lawrence A.
Jones, Waldo B.
Joyce, Paul F.
Kavanaugh, John F.
Kavanaugh, Lee F.
Kingsbury, R. Sidney
Kent, Ruby E.
Knorr, Gordon C.
Krackhardt, Russell H.
Kreuzer, Frederick A.
Lackey, John
Liberty, Hector A. Jr.
Liberty, Joseph A.
MacLean, Earle
Manter, Myrtle F.
Martineit, Edward E.
Matteus, Fleszberto
Matteus, Romeo
Mears, Gerome L. Jr.
Morse, Donald H.
Murphy, Augustine D.
Murphy, Daniel J.
Nelson, Ralph W.
Nutting, Henry A.
O'Connor, Cornelius J.
Parmenter, E. Carl
Patterson, Charles R.
Patterson, James H.
Peirce, Arthur W. Jr.
Peirce, Kenneth L.
Plamondon, Norbert W.
Potas, Julian A.
Preston, Joseph A.
Rand, James E. Jr.
Reynolds, John W.
Rochon, Lucian W.
Rosen, Barney
Rosen, Samuel
Ross, Edward L.
Ross, Everett G.
Ross, Robert T.
*Sanborn, Charles G.
Sanborn, Lloyd D.
Sanborn, Walter H.
Sargent, A. Roger
Sargent, Edwin W. L.
Sargent, Henry W.
Sargent, Walter L. Jr.
Sarty, Lester F.
*Sawtelle, Harold A.
Sawyer, Ellsworth G.
Sawyer, I. Sidney
Schwartz, Earl J. B.
Sherman, Nelson T.
Sherman, William H.
Sidelinger, Clyde R.
Smith, Charles O.
Smith, Dorothy F.
Smith, Franklin H. Jr.
Smith, Nelson C.
Spaulding, Benjamin H. Jr.
Spaulding, Nathan I.
Spofford, George R. Jr.
Stone, Hayward M.
Stone, Milton D.
Szewczyk, John F.
Szewczyk, Joseph E.
*Szewczyk, Stanley A.
Tenney, Carl S.
Tervo, Waino H. Jr.
Ulrich, H. Nelson
Ulrich, Kenneth W.
Underwood, Francis E.

Walker, Austin
 Wheeler, Albert W.
 Wheeler, Burton K.
 Wheeler, Cecil B.
 Wheeler, Cecil B. Jr.
 Wheeler, Clifford H. Jr.
 Wheeler, Donald H.
 Wheeler, Harold A.

Wheeler, Roger E.
 Wheeler, Roger M.
 Wheeler, Russell B.
 Wheeler, Willard H.
 Wilson, Earl S.
 Ziegler, Carl G.
 *Zwicker, Maurice R.

Postwar Procedure

The Charter of the United Nations was completed, presented, and signed at their Conference in San Francisco on June 26, 1945. Its purpose was:

- (1) To maintain international peace and security.
- (2) To develop friendly relations among nations.
- (3) To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems.
- (4) To be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

The United States was the first to ratify this Charter, and the United Nations started to function early in 1946.

But, in 1948, Congress passed the Selective Service Act providing for a peacetime draft of men for military service. Under its terms, men between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five might be drafted for a period of twenty-one months; eighteen-year-olds might volunteer for one year. Volunteer enlistments were so numerous that relatively few men were drafted. In July of 1950 Congress extended and strengthened this law in view of the threatening nature of international relations caused by the Communist invasion of South Korea.

At the present time there are thirty-four (34) names on BERLIN'S ROLL of HONOR of men who have and are serving their country in various capacities.

Korean Incident

1950—1955

Bacon, Orin G.
 Bartlett, Phillip W.

Bosselman, John
 Bradley, Roger L.

Clemmer, Robert E.	Maxwell, Bruce A.
Clemmer, Harry	Mossman, Henry L.
Collins, James H.	Mungean, Alan L.
Crossman, Francis	Perkins, Robert
Dinsmore, Charles E.	Rebstadt, Emry O.
Fox, Lowell	Sherman, Nelson J.
Fromm, George A.	Taylor, Raymond E.
Guerard, Richard W.	Taylor, Robert H.
Hatstat, Willis C.	Taylor, Stewart A.
Jillson, Harold K.	Terrio, Frederick J. Jr.
Johnson, Norman R.	Terrio, Robert F.
Kent, Arthur A.	Wheeler, Emerson W. Jr.
Laporte, Bristol P.	Wheeler, Joseph L.
Marble, Betty L.	Wheeler, Norman J.
Matthew, Andrew B. Jr.	Zwicker, Raymond O.

Likewise, the Town of Berlin instituted a Civil Defense Agency, which organized and classified the workers under a Civil Defense Director. Many meetings were held for the purpose of instructing the citizens in the proper method of procedure in case of a "bombing." Under articles of the Town Warrant, \$2,000 was appropriated in 1951 and \$600 in 1952 for the use of the Civil Defense Agency.

CHAPTER V

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Organization

The civic life of Berlin really began with the organization of the South Parish of Bolton. This was a political unit, with specified territory and boundaries as prescribed in the Act of Incorporation passed by the General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay on April 13, 1778.

The warrant for the first Parish Meeting was issued by Samuel Baker, Esq., to Samuel Jones, Innholder, to meet at his house on Tuesday, May 19 (1778), at "two of the clock in the afternoon" to choose Parish officers. The following officers were chosen at this meeting:

- 1st. Samuel Baker, Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2nd. Jonathan Merriam, Parish Clerk.
- 3rd. Three persons for Parish Committee—James Goddard, Abijah Pratt, and Joshua Johnson.
- 4th. Parish Assessors—Jonathan Merriam, Timothy Jones, and William Sawyer, Jr.
- 5th. Chose Samuel Jones, Parish Treasurer.
- 6th. Chose Fortunatus Barnes, Collector.

With this simple organization the South Parish of Bolton began to function. A second meeting was held on July 6, 1778, to agree upon a Meetinghouse spot for said Parish; and second, to see "what the Parish will do about having preaching amongst ourselves."

The South Parish Church was organized within the Parish on April 7, 1779. And the Meetinghouse (for public assemblies) was raised on June 16 of the same year, on the plot of land deeded to the inhabitants of the South Parish of Bolton by Samuel Jones.

This form of Parish government, within the Town of Bolton, was maintained until March 16, 1784. On this date the territory of the South Parish, with additional territory from Marlboro (now in South Berlin) was incorporated as the District of Berlin. Here again, it was Samuel Baker, Justice of the Peace, who issued the warrant to Fortunatus Barnes, principal inhabitant, to call the first meeting for the organization of the District of Berlin.

This meeting was called to assemble at the Meetinghouse on Monday, April 12, 1784, at "one of the clock in the afternoon." The proceedings of the meeting were as follows:

- 1st. Chose the Hon. Samuel Baker, Esq., Moderator, for this meeting.
- 2nd. Chose Jonathan Meriam, District Clerk.
- 3rd. Chose five Selectmen: Lieut. James Goddard, Mr. John Temple, Jona. Merriam, Mr. William Sawyer, and Capt. Barnabas Maynard.
- 4th. For Assessors they chose: Mr. David Taylor, Mr. Jona. Merriam, and Lieut. Henry Powers.
- 5th. For Constable, Joel Fosgate.
- 6th. For Treasurer, Lieut. Timothy Jones.
- 7th. The following were chosen by a hand vote:
 - Highway Surveyors: Mr. Nathan Jones, Eph'm Fairbanks, Esq., Levi Merriam, and Capt. Barnabas Maynard.
 - Tithing-men: Mr. Robert Fife and Ebenezer Worcester.
 - Hog Reaves: Mr. Abel Baker and Jona. Baker.
 - Culler of Hoops and Staves: Mr. Thomas McBride.
 - Surveyor of Boards and Shingles: Mr. Jonathan Jones.
 - Sealer of Leather: Mr. John Temple.
 - Wardens: Messrs. Samuel Jones and Fortunatus Barnes.
 - Fence Viewer: Mr. Jesse Jewett.
 - Fire Ward: Mr. John Bruce.
 - Constable: Mr. Nathan Jones.

There evidently were more offices than principal men, for some men held several positions. After passing upon several matters relating to repair of the highways, minister's salary, sums for schooling, and support of the poor, the first District Meeting adjourned on June 7, 1784, having proceeded through a series of adjourned sessions since April 12. Under this District corpora-

tion, Berlin had the full rights of a Town, except that they must share a Representative with Bolton. For the failure to send a Representative to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1790, they were penalized by a fine of forty-four pounds, fourteen shillings and ten pence; submitted to Constable James Goddard, Jr., for collection. But the General Court repented of this chastisement, by refunding twenty-two pounds to the Treasurer of Berlin in 1791.

The civic affairs of Berlin continued to be conducted under this District government until February 6, 1812, when it was incorporated into the Town of Berlin. This act did not change the status of Berlin's government, except that it gave her a representative to the General Court. Each corporate town containing 150 ratable polls was entitled to one representative, elected annually. Berlin's first representative was Capt. Henry Powers, chosen on May 4, 1812; and he was chosen seven other times until 1830. Under Article XXI of Amendments to the Constitution of Massachusetts (1857) "the House of Representatives shall consist of 240 members." Representation is based upon the census of the previous decade. Berlin shares a Representative with eleven neighboring towns of District No. 11 of Worcester County.

Place of Assembly

The following is a copy of the Act of Incorporation of Berlin: "*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same: That the district of Berlin, in the county of Worcester, be and hereby is incorporated into a town by the name of Berlin, subject to the like duties and requirements, vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which other towns do or may enjoy, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth.*"

The first Parish Meeting was held in "Ye Jones' Inn" on May 19, 1778, and they continued to hold their parish meetings here until the Meetinghouse was suitably constructed. The ordination service for the minister was conducted on a knoll, east of the meetinghouse, on November 26, 1781, because the Meetinghouse was not finished or in suitable condition for this occasion. Therefore, it is reasonable that the Parish Meetings were not held in

the Meetinghouse until March of 1782. It was voted "to pay Samuel Jones 25 pounds for the use of his house in time past."

All public assemblies were held in the Meetinghouse until 1822, when it was taken down by the vote of the Town. A new church building was dedicated in 1826, but evidently the citizens did not wish to profane this sacred temple with the worldly conduct of civil assemblies. For they held their Town Meetings in the Solomon "Howe's Tavern" until 1827, and in 1828 at Samuel Spofford's hall. Then, thereafter, it was voted to hold the Town Meetings at the schoolhouses in rotation, beginning at the South. This method was the procedure until 1831, when the first town house was built upon the Common. The first Town Meeting to be held in this building was on October 24, 1831.

This diminutive town house served the simple needs of the people for a place in which to transact the Town's business for a period of almost forty years. This "old town house" is preserved in the dwelling located west of the "old cemetery" on Linden Street. The first move to have a new Town house, more suitable to the spirit of progress of their age, was taken in the March Meeting of 1868, when a committee was chosen to investigate. Their report at the 1869 meeting brought forth a vote "to build" and the new Town Hall, located on land deeded for that purpose by Artemas Barnes, on Woodward Avenue, facing the Common, was dedicated with impressive exercises on March 2, 1870.

This commodious town building consists of two stories, with the auditorium on the second floor and with town office rooms, kitchen and Barnes Hall on the first floor. In addition to these rooms, there is Memorial Hall, dedicated to the memory of the soldiers of the Civil War at the same date and in conjunction with the dedication of the Town Hall. From time to time alterations, additional construction, remodeling and repairs have preserved the building in tone with the present day.

In 1904 the Town voted to build an addition onto the Town Hall. This was the section which provided for the stage and accommodations. This was done at a cost of \$2,229.39. A cistern was constructed at the rear of the Town Hall in 1906, and piped to supply water for the house, at a cost of \$467.70. Modern toilet facilities were installed in 1933. Since 1945 appropriations

have been directed to the installation of a modern heating system. Preparations began by excavating the basement and building a bulkhead entrance. The Selectmen reported, in 1952, that the system had been completely installed, with three separate zones, so that various areas of the Town Hall can be heated without the necessity of heating other unused areas. Modern lighting fixtures have been installed in the Town Hall office, Barnes and Memorial Halls. New hardwood floors have been laid, sanded, and oiled; and painting and decorations have been kept up-to-date.

The Town Meeting

Election Day and Town Meeting proved to be a real holiday in the Town Hall at Berlin Center, during the late '90's. The annual meeting was called to order around nine o'clock in the forenoon and the routine matters of choosing a Moderator and the necessary Town officers were conducted. If time permitted, the report of various Town officers was heard.

At twelve o'clock, the meeting recessed for dinner. Here is where the womenfolk took part in the Town Meeting. They brought the abundance of food, generally prepared at home, and served it in Barnes Hall. While they were busy "cleaning up," the men resumed their "town meeting" at one o'clock.

This was the most interesting part of the meeting, when the various appropriations were made for Town charges, schools, roads and bridges, and library, etc. As a rule there were four or six of the men who participated in these discussions. Appropriations must be held at a minimum, so that taxes would be low, but appropriations which promised personal financial reward must be supported and raised. Some of these defenders and promoters of "justice" were endowed with vociferous oratory, so that it was not necessary to be within the Town Hall to hear them.

Around four-thirty, it became necessary for several of the farmers to leave to do their chores. Others became tired of the "harangue" and so they retired. Thus the meeting gradually came to a close.

Compared to those former days, we find that the present sys-

tem of Town affairs are conducted under the provisions of By-Laws as adopted under Article 22 of the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting of March 5, 1951. Article II, which deals with Town Meetings, Warrants, and Town Reports, is as follows:

Section 1. The annual town meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Monday of March of each year.

Section 2. All business of the annual town meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at an adjournment of such meeting to be held on the second Monday of March at 7:30 P.M.

Section 3. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant therefor at the Town Hall, at the Post Office in Berlin Center, at the Post Office in South Berlin, and at the Post Office in West Berlin not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting. The Selectmen shall cause the warrant for the annual town meeting to be printed in the annual report of the town officers of Berlin. At least five days before the day fixed in the warrant for annual town meeting, the Selectmen shall cause to be left at each voting household in the town a copy of the annual town report. At least five days before the day fixed in the warrant for each special town meeting, the Selectmen shall cause a notice of the subject matter of the warrant to be mailed to each household in the town.

The Selectmen shall, not less than ten days before the date on which the warrant for the annual town meeting shall be closed for the insertion of any additional articles, post a notice of said closing date at the Town Hall and at the Post Offices in Berlin Center, South Berlin, and West Berlin.

Section 4. At any town meeting held for the transaction of town business, no person whose name is not on the list of voters shall be admitted to the floor of the hall, except press reporters and invited guests within the discretion of the Moderator. It shall be the special duty of the police and the town tellers to enforce this By-law by use of the check list; but the same shall not apply to the State election, primaries or meetings for the election of town officers. The Moderator shall determine the bounds of the floor of the hall.

Section 5. Articles for the warrant shall be acted upon in the order in which they stand, except that the Moderator may upon request and for reasons stated, entertain the motion to take up an article out of this regular order.

Section 6. No motion, the effect of which would be to dissolve a town meeting, shall be in order until every article in the warrant has been acted upon, but this shall not preclude the postponement of

action on, or consideration of, any article to an adjournment of the meeting to a stated time.

When a question is before the meeting, the following motions, namely: to adjourn; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to postpone to a time certain; to commit, recommit or refer; to amend; to postpone indefinitely; shall be received and shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and the first three shall be decided without debate.

Section 7. All votes on motions shall be taken in the first instance by a voice vote; if the Moderator be in doubt he may call for a standing vote; if the Moderator be still in doubt or if the vote as declared by the Moderator be still in doubt or if the vote as declared by the Moderator be immediately questioned by seven of the voters present, the vote shall be taken by a "yes" and "no" ballot. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the taking of a vote by ballot in the first instance if a motion to that effect shall be duly made and carried by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon.

All votes on the appropriation of money in excess of one thousand dollars shall be taken in the first instance by ballot, as above provided, unless said appropriation shall be recommended or approved by the Finance Committee.

Section 8. The Moderator may decline to put motions obviously frivolous or tending to disorder. A motion shall be presented in writing if the Moderator requests. The Moderator shall be governed in his rulings by the provisions of these articles.

Section 9. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except to answer in inquiry or to give information requested, without first obtaining leave of the meeting and then not until others who have not spoken upon the question shall have spoken if they desire.

Section 10. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise specially directed by the meeting, and all committees so appointed shall be directed to report within a definite time. If a committee does not report within the time stated, or at the first annual town meeting held thereafter, it shall be considered discharged. The Moderator shall not be a member of any committee appointed by him.

Section 11. The annual town report shall contain, in addition to the reports of officers, boards and committees, a detailed report of all monies received into and paid out of the town treasury in the financial year next preceding, showing separately payments made from the proceeds of loans as capital outlays for permanent improvements; the report of the collector of taxes, of receipts, payments and abatements; statements of all funds belonging to the town or held for the benefit of its inhabitants; a statement of the liabilities of the town on bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness or otherwise, and of indebtedness authorized but not incurred, and the purposes thereof; a statement of the transfers made to or from any appropriations;

abstracts of the records of the town meetings held since publication of the last annual report; and such other matters as the report is required by law to contain or as may be inserted by the Selectmen under the discretion granted them by law. The Selectmen in their annual reports shall state what actions have been brought against and on behalf of the town, what cases have been compromised or settled and the terms thereof, and the current standing of all suits of law involving the town or any of its interests; and they shall give a summary of their activities and decisions during the past year.

The Franchise

When Samuel Baker, by order of the General Court, issued the warrant to some principal inhabitant (Samuel Jones) of the South Parish of Bolton, on May 5, 1778, he worded it as follows: "to give notice to the inhabitants of the said South Parish, *qualified to vote in town affairs.*" While the notice of the first Parish Meeting was directed to the inhabitants of the South Parish of Bolton, the vote was limited to a prescribed number. Under the provisions of the Constitution of Massachusetts (Part II, Chap. I, Sec. III, Art. IV), the qualifications to voters were expressed thus: "every male person, being twenty-one years of age, and resident in any particular town in the Commonwealth for the space of one year next proceeding, having a freehold estate within the said town of an annual income of three pounds, or any estate of the value of sixty pounds."

So we observe that suffrage was limited by material possessions, as well as to sex and age. These qualifications for voters held true during the civic life of the Parish, District, and Town affairs until 1857. The only change in the wording being that of the monetary system, so that in the Town Warrant of 1821 the notice read: "warn freeholders and other inhabitants having a freehold estate of the annual income of \$10.00, or any estate of the value of \$200.00 . . . to bring in their votes."

The right to vote was augmented by the Amendment (Art. XX) to the Constitution which required that the voter must be able to read the Constitution in the English language and write his name. This article was ratified by the people on May 1, 1857. Article XV of Amendments of the Constitution of the United States provides that the vote shall not be denied or abridged . . .

on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. This article was declared ratified on March 30 of 1870. So, one by one, the property, tax, and servitude restrictions have been removed by amendments to the Constitution. On November 4, 1884, a new Standard Ballot Box was installed. And, on March 2, 1914, the Australian ballot system was adopted by a vote of the town.

Finally, the limitation by reason of sex was removed by Article XIX which states that "the right of citizens . . . to vote shall not be denied or abridged . . . on account of sex." This article was proclaimed ratified on August 26, 1920. The question of the civic and political rights of women had been a problem for discussion and legislation in the Town of Berlin for a half century. As early as 1837, the subject of woman suffrage was debated in the Berlin Lyceum at the Town Hall. The question of "Ought females to be admitted to citizenship" was debated and decided in the negative. The curtain ran down on the Berlin Lyceum in 1841 with the question undecided by the most intellectual men of their time.

When women took advantage of the law permitting them to vote for members of the local School Committee, in 1890, it attracted considerable public comment. *The Berlin News* of March 12, 1890 broadcasted the fact that on the previous Monday, seven (7) women voted for members of the School Committee; but sarcastically pointed out that none of these had children to send to school, so why should they be interested in who was on the School Committee? On November 2, 1915, the Town of Berlin cast their votes on the proposed amendment "Shall . . . enabling women to vote be approved and ratified?" The men voters put themselves on record by a vote of fifty-eight YES and ninety-six NO.

The women had their first opportunity to exercise their new privilege of citizenship in the Primary Election of September 7, 1920. Whereupon the Town Clerk (Frank Crossman) was so profoundly impressed with their response that he entered upon the Records: "The women having received the right to vote—the polls having closed at 8 o'clock—the check revealed that fifty-one women and seventy-six men had voted. Mrs. George H. Sawyer cast the first vote." A similar gleeful entry was made in the Records following the State Election of November 2, 1920: "The

women were out in force. The register showed that 356 votes had been cast. On consulting the check list, it revealed that 167 women had voted out of a registration of 171." In 1953 the women of Berlin voted one hundred per cent.

The rights of franchise have been extended by the permission of absentee voting which was legalized by Article LXXVI which was ratified by the people on November 7, 1944. This provision has aided to swell the Berlin vote of her 731 registered citizens.

Departments of Government

The government of the Town of Berlin emerged with a group of principal men chosen to fill the six important offices of the Town. These were: Moderator, Clerk, Selectmen (5), Assessors (3), Constable, and Treasurer. To these a number of minor positions were filled by *a show of hand* vote, many of which were later appointed by the Selectmen. These positions included (7) Highway Surveyors, (2) Tithing-men, (3) Hog Reaves, Culler of Hoops and Staves, Surveyor of Boards and Shingles, Sealer of Leather, (2) Wardens, Fence Viewer, Fire Warden, and Assistant Constable. Several of these positions were dropped when their function became obsolete and new ones have been added as circumstances required.

Some of the new positions were: Sealer of Weights and Measures (1787), Grave Diggers (1790 only), Field Drivers (1801), Measurers of Wood and Bark (1801), Thief Detectors (1841 only), Commissioner of Public Buildings (1866-1904), Public Weighers (1875), Trustees of Trust Funds (1890), Inspector of Animals (1892), Tree Warden (1900), Moth Superintendent (1909), Collector of Taxes (1910), Inspector of Slaughter (1915), Inspector of Meat (1916-1922), Burial Agent (1931 to date), Dog Officer (1933), and Milk and Sanitary Inspector (1936). (The date in parentheses marks the time of the origin of the position).

As time progressed, the operation of town affairs became more and more complicated, so in order to facilitate the functions of government, departments were formed and placed in charge of committees. Many of these have been designated as Boards. The fact is that the Annual Town Report of Treasurer, Selectmen

and Overseers of Poor, and School Committee—as of the year 1895 consisting of twenty-nine pages—has grown to a booklet of 136 pages and is labeled:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEVERAL OFFICIAL BOARDS
OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, MASSACHUSETTS

One of the most essential of these is that of the Board of Selectmen. At the first District meeting of 1784, five Selectmen were elected and this number continued to be elected annually until 1835, when the number was reduced to three. In 1900, the system was changed to elect one member each year to serve a term of three years, so that at no time would there be a board of three entirely new members.

The duties and responsibilities of the Selectmen have continued to increase over the course of years and the multiplication of civic affairs. In the early years, the Selectmen had charge of the support of the poor, but in 1932 a three-man Board of Public Welfare was established. Yet the Selectmen are also the Board of Health; they appoint several specific inspectors and lay plans to affiliate with such units as the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, and the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital.

It is the prerogative of the Board of Selectmen to make some twenty-two appointments, including: Agent of Board of Health, Milk and Sanitary Inspector, Assistant Milk and Sanitary Inspector, Forest Fire Warden, Inspectors of Slaughter (3), Inspector of Animals, Moth Superintendent, Chief of Police, Police Sergeant, Regular Police (17), Special Police (9), Dog Officer, Field Drivers (3), Agents to Issue Burial Permits (2), Registrar of Voters, Burial Agent and Agent for Care of Veterans' Graves, Surveyors of Wood and Lumber (3), Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fire Engineers (3), Playground Commission, and Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is accountable to the Selectmen for the maintenance of highways, road machinery, bridges, and drains. He also supervises road construction work, which, in turn, is under the approval and vigilance of the State and County Engineers and County Commissioners. The cost to the Town of Berlin for roads and bridges in 1855 was \$859.42; in 1895 it was

\$1,026.27; and for 1953 expenditures amounted to \$40,609.87. Several reasons may be sighted for this marked increase in the cost of road construction and maintenance. By the year 1895 most all of the forty miles of roadway had been laid out, but they were not surfaced as of today. Had our roads been of the construction, say even of 1925, they would have been demolished by the hurricane Edna's flood storms in 1954. In the early 1900's the farmers of Berlin worked out their road-tax at their convenience, but the price of modern road construction zooms on account of the higher cost of materials, equipment, and labor.

Protection of Persons and Property

Under the caption of Protection of Persons and Property, there is grouped the Police Department, Fire Department, Moth Work, Elm Beetle Control, Tree Warden, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Dog Officer. These various positions are correlated to accomplish the desired goal. Both the Police and Fire Departments are called into action in case of a fire.

The Police Department in Berlin is a modern development. Two Constables were elected at the District Meeting of 1784; and, with the exception of the period of 1789-92, one Constable has been elected annually from 1785 to the present time. From 1789-92 there were two Constables, one designated to collect the ministerial taxes only. The Constable was also a tax collector until 1821, when the collection of taxes was vested in the office of Treasurer.

A Police officer, as distinct from the Constable, originated in 1880 when the Selectmen appointed one policeman "with all the powers of a Constable, except serving civil processes." The Selectmen have continued to appoint special police, annually, since 1880. Prior to 1922 the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, served as Chief of Police, but in the aforesaid year the Selectmen, following the requirement of the law, appointed a Chief of Police. Since that time the annually-elected Constable has been appointed Chief of Police, with a number of special police to assist him.

The organization of a Police Department of Berlin occurred in 1935 under the direction of the newly-appointed Chief. The

officers of the department are entitled to join the Central Massachusetts Police Association, which gives them an opportunity to take the twelve weeks schooling on police efficiency and interpretation of the law. There is also a special course offered to the chiefs in the analysis of the new laws enacted by the General Court. Thereby the policemen become qualified to perform more efficient service.

In 1948 a two-way radio was installed in the police car for the convenience of the Chief. In 1950 the Chief of Police possessed a new, fully equipped service car suitable for patrol and ambulance accommodations.

There are certain positions and offices of the Town government which, although not directly under the supervision of the Police Department, are generally manned by a police officer. That of Pound Keeper was one of these positions. Although it was voted in the meeting of May 26, 1785, "to build a Pound and provide Stocks" a Pound Keeper was not elected until the District Meeting of 1797. The pound was built of stone, located on Woodward Avenue, opposite the Meetinghouse and the stocks were set up near the Meetinghouse with the accompanying whipping post. A new pound was built in 1833 on Carter Street, across from the Library in the niche under the shelter of "Pulpit Rocks" to the north of the Waino Tervo home. Stocks and Whipping Post were demolished long before the erection of the new meetinghouse of 1826. A small brick building was built in the Town Pound in 1877, used especially for the accommodation of tramps. By vote of the town, on March 6, 1911, the Selectmen were empowered to remove the trees and the tramp house from the Pound. Hereafter, visitors and victims were placed in the "cooler" in Clinton.

A Pound Keeper was elected annually from 1787 to 1915. In that year the office became appointive, and appointments were made annually until 1918. Isaac Holbrook was one of the last Pound Keepers and he submitted a bill in 1900 of \$69.00 for caring for 460 tramps. After a lapse of several years, David Minor was appointed Pound Keeper and sworn in on May 20, 1924, by Lemuel D. Carter, Justice of Peace.

Another related position is that of Dog Officer. As a humanitarian and safety measure, the Selectmen appointed a Dog Officer

in 1933. This office is generally filled by one of the police officers. The practice has continued annually since its origin.

After the adoption of a Truancy Law in 1880, one Truant Officer was appointed by the Selectmen. From 1881 to 1890 two Truant Officers were appointed, as provided in the Truancy Law. In 1890 the Town voted "not to appoint a Truant Officer," since it was in the province of the School Committee to do so. Therefore, since then the School Committee has made this appointment; however, in 1928 the designation was changed to that of Attendance Officer. The services of an Attendance Officer have not been required since 1948, due to the extended transportation accommodations.

Board of Public Welfare

The question concerning the support of the poor was of minor importance to the Town of Berlin during its primitive years. Most of the needy persons were supported by their relatives and friends. But there were some friendless cases, so, at the first Town Meeting of 1784, they began the practice, then common in most towns, of putting up to vendue the keeping of the poor to the lowest bidder. This became a convenient source of income to those who had an ample supply of home food products and spare room, and there is no doubt that some of the poor fared "poorly." The sum of twenty-four pounds was appropriated in 1784 for the support of the poor. The tax on dogs went for support of poor in 1799.

The Town figured that they could save money by having a house where a family could care for the poor. So in 1802, they bought of Samuel Spofford a small house (the only house then standing in Carterville) for the accommodation of the poor. After a trial of some twenty years, they decided that there were not enough needy persons in Berlin to warrant the maintenance of such a house. Therefore, in 1825, the property was sold to Joel Gage.

Then, the Town paid certain applicants a reasonable amount for the "keeping of a pauper." In 1845 the town voted to allow the account of Joseph Howe "for bringing Polly K . . . from Bolton to his house" for four shillings, and for cleaning said

Polly, four shillings and ninepence. Polly's board was also allowed at four shillings per week.

Gradually the cost of living increased and the number of paupers also mounted, so that in the year of 1855 the town layed out \$454.80 for the keeping of eight paupers. The designation of "pauper" was eliminated from the records and the term "support of poor" was used. In 1865 the Town paid \$501.62 for the support of poor. This covered seven cases, of which one family (whose husband was in the Army) received \$12.00. By the next ten years the amount for the support of the poor increased to \$592.43. In 1886 it was \$1,093.79, and in 1895 the sum of \$1,432.76 was paid toward the support of the poor and \$89.66 for feeding and housing tramps.

Formerly the Selectmen had charge of public welfare, and in their report for the year 1930 the sum of \$2,633.85 was paid on ten welfare cases. In 1933 the town established a Board of Public Welfare and elected three members to the same, one of which is elected annually to serve for three years. Beginning with the year 1934, the Town bore the extra expense of the Federal Projects of the C.W.A., E.R.A., and W.P.A. During the period of the functioning of these Federal Projects (1934-1941) the Town of Berlin appropriated a total of \$3,879.60 toward them.

After the organization of the Board of Public Welfare, their responsibilities were distributed among several dependent causes. There was the pure Public Welfare (needy cases), Old Age Assistance, Soldiers Benefits, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance, Temporay Aid, and Veteran Benefits. So that the Report of the Welfare Board for the year 1954 reads something as follows:

Appropriation		\$24,000.00
Expended on Old Age Assistance	\$30,102.60	
Expended on Aid to Dependent Children	3,080.35	
Expended on Disability Assistance	1,507.90	
Expended on Temporary Aid	2,532.95	
Administrative Expenses	1,591.28	
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	Total	\$38,815.08
Received from other sources		\$14,815.08
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		\$38,815.08

Fire Department

A Fire Warden was elected at the first District Meeting in 1784, and from that date until 1882 one was elected annually. Since 1882 the office has been appointive and the Town voted that provisions for the extinguishing of fires be left in the hands of the Selectmen. In 1887 the number appointed annually was increased to three and the title was changed to that of Forest Fire Warden. Thus, provision was made for the care of forest as well as house fires.

This number prevailed until 1916, when one person was appointed annually as Forest Warden. A Fire Chief was first appointed in 1921, in conjunction with the Forest Warden, which was filled by the same person. This procedure continued annually until 1928. During this period, Earle A. Wheeler, Chester Randall, Hermon L. Sawyer, and Clifford H. Wheeler served as joint Forest Warden and Fire Chief.

From 1929 to 1951 five Engineers were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to run the Fire Department. Said Engineers selected one of their number to act as Chief. They supervised the equipment and members of the Fire Company. The Fire Company are a body of volunteers who are bonded together to learn firefighting and to be on call to extinguish any fires that occur in town, and are on call to go out of town at request of the Engineers. In 1951, the number of Engineers was reduced to three.

The Forest Warden from 1929 to 1953 was nominated by the Selectmen and appointed by the State Department of Conservation. He is now appointed in the month of June by the Board of Selectmen, and while he has been a member of the Fire Department in the past, and usually one of the engineers, he now may be any one separate. However, to date he has been one of the engineers, but not the Chief.

In 1953, by act of State Government, the word fireman was dropped and these men are now called "firefighters."

The Fire Department was organized on January 11, 1928, and forthwith faced the task of developing a more efficient and modern fire fighting equipment. They also availed themselves of the opportunity of training themselves for more effective methods

of handling a fire situation. The Berlin Fire Company has joined with five other towns to form the Wachusett Firemen's Muster Association. This includes the towns of Princeton, Sterling, West Boylston, Lancaster, and Bolton. They vie in their Muster and Field Days. In September of 1950 the Association held a well-attended Field Day in Berlin in which the Berlin Fire Department made a creditable showing in the various contests.

In addition to this district organization, there is the Minutemen's Forest Warden's Protective Association to which many of the Firemen belong and receive practical training and instructions, as well as of the State Department. A radio fire signal and communication system has been established whereby contact can be carried on between the fire trucks, central station, and towers.

The present firefighting equipment has evolved from very elementary arrangements. From the time of the early settlement of the territory of Berlin until about the year 1883, the inhabitants depended upon the prompt and efficient response of the neighbors for the defense of their homes from conflagration. It was wise to keep a ladder standing against the house with a quantity of pails handy, and carpets or blankets ready to smother and drown the blaze.

There exists among our relics the "Tub" used to agitate the blaze at the Capt. C. S. Hastings two-tenement house fire of South Berlin in September of 1860. They saved the ashes—to make potash. The "Tub" consisted of a wooden cask mounted on a wheeled platform to which a hand pump was attached. By dumping water into this tub, from the bucket brigade, and operating the hand pump, you could squirt a jet of water at the fire.

The first firefighting apparatus was ordered by the Town in 1883, when in Town Meeting assembled, the Selectmen were "instructed to purchase hooks, ladders, and buckets and a carriage for the transportation of the same." No doubt the citizens were induced to order this flimsy outfit due to the horror produced by the several destructive fires which raged about this period. There was the Rudersdoff house, on the Harper place of Sawyer Road, which burned on January 31, 1881. The Parker Shoe Factory, which stood at the corner of Walnut and Carter Streets, was completely destroyed by the fire of February 18, 1882, and on the following May 6th, the Stone's Carriage Factory,

at East Berlin, was burned. Then, on the night of September 26, 1883, the Belmont House which stood on Central Street, at the Center where Ellsworth G. Sawyer now resides (the former Unitarian parsonage), was destroyed.

In 1901 the town took out insurance on the Hook and Ladder House and its contents. At the Town Meeting of 1909, the matter of purchasing a Chemical Engine for fire purposes was left in the hands of the Selectmen. Then in April of 1911 this fine new red wagon was drawn around Carter Street by that fine span of black horses of A. D. Brewer. For several years thereafter the anxious householder depended upon teams at the Center (C. F. Hale or A. D. Brewer) to draw this large fire extinguisher to the scene of the fire.

In 1917 it was voted to purchase a Motor Chemical Fire Apparatus, and \$1,250 was appropriated for the same. This outfit sufficed for a time, but it became necessary to provide a suitable storage place, especially in cold weather. Since it is not required that you have a muffler on a piece of fire apparatus, the neighbors always knew when the truck rolled out. This undependable outfit was supplemented by seventeen hand extinguishers geographically distributed among the homes of the town.

In 1928 the town purchased a new American LaFrance Fire Truck, with pump and equipment, for \$5,500, and also spent \$910.80 on enlargement and repairs on the engine house. Then the following year another Fire Truck was secured for \$1,000 to replace the Chemical outfit. So, then, the department had two pumpers, which made it convenient for conveying a stream of water for a great distance, by hitching them in tandem.

The subject of a sufficient water supply has been a constant problem; so that during the years of 1934-36 the Town, with the aid of C.W.A. labor, constructed several water holes at convenient locations about the Town. This act was followed by securing a large motorized tank, with pump, to carry a supply of water to the scene of the fire.

By the year 1950 it was decided that the twenty-four-year-old Knott Pumper and the twenty-seven-year-old Ford Tank Truck were due for retirement, and that they should be replaced by new, modern equipment. So, by the close of 1952, the Berlin Fire Department had three trucks in operation.

- (1) There was the new International truck which carries 1,000 gallons of water, 1,450 ft. of 2½" hose, 300 ft. of 1½" hose, and 60 ft. of ladders and is supplied with a 600-gal. per min. pump.
- (2) A Ford truck which carries 300 gals. of water, 1,200 ft. of 2½" hose, 200 ft. of 1½" hose, 1,000 ft. of forest fire hose, and 36 ft. of ladders and is equipped with a 500 gal. per min. pump.
- (3) A Stewart truck which carries 80 gals. of water, 400 ft. of 2½" hose, 800 ft. of forest fire hose, 32 ft. of ladders and a 300 gal. per min. pump.

To this there was added a 660 gal. tank truck in 1953. In order to house all of this equipment it became necessary to remodel and enlarge the firehouse. This was accomplished by the Yankee spirit of the Firemen, both in their ability to secure the finances and by their contribution of construction services. This 38 x 24 foot new Fire Station, located on West Street opposite Powder House Hill, gives Berlin top ranking with other towns of its size.

Moderators

Henry A. Wheeler	1891-1927
James W. Barter	1928-1929
Clifford H. Wheeler	1929-to date

Town Clerks

Frank H. Crossman	1883-1929
Harris G. Field	1930-1956
Priscilla F. Jewett	1956-to date

Town Treasurers

Willis Rice	1896-1911
Truman P. Felton	1911-1921
Frank F. Dunfield	1922-1925
Annella M. Dunfield	1926-1934
Robert E. Taylor	1934-1945
Louis G. Hudson	1945-to date

Tax Collectors

Willis Rice	1896-1911
Lemuel D. Carter	1911-1921
Robert E. Taylor	1921-1928
Brittan A. Jackson	1929-1937
N. Harriman Fay	1938-dec. May 3, 1956
Wilmer G. Tenney	May 1956-1958
Louis V. Rowe	1958-to date

Constables

Henry A. Wheeler	1895, 1897-1899
Frank E. Knight	1896
John O. Osgood	1896
W. A. Hartshorn	1900-1902
I. F. Parmenter	1902-1908
Walter Cole	1908-1933 (dec. July 18, 1933)
Clyde E. Rogers	1933-1948
Benjamin H. Spaulding	1949-1950 (dec. Dec. 13, 1950)
Clifford H. Wheeler	1951-to date

Justices of the Peace

Harris G. Field
 Silas H. Bacon

Representatives to the General Court

Arthur Hastings	1893-1894
Frank H. Crossman, elected Nov. 1904	to serve 1905-06
James D. Tyler, elected 1911	to serve 1911-12
Lemuel D. Carter, elected 1924	to serve 1925-26
E. Guy Sawyer, elected 1944	to serve 1945-46

The following persons have served on the Cemetery Committee (1895 to 1902), Cemetery Commissioners (1902 to date)

A. A. Bartlett	1895-1896
Silas Sawyer	1895-1896
Chester A. Sawyer	1895-1901
S. C. Chamberlin	1897
Willis Rice	1897
Charles M. Sawyer	1898-1921
William S. Eager	1898-1899
Waldo L. Wheeler	1899, 1902-1938
Arthur Hastings	1900-1908
Edmond Wheeler	1901
George F. Mathews	1909-1913
George H. Carpenter	1914-1922
Chester A. Howe	1922-1939
A. E. Bissell	1922-1923
Robert B. Churchill	1924, 1932-1934
Charles J. G. Hubbard	1934-1946
Herbert L. Wheeler	1939-1941
Raymond W. Cole	1941-1954
Bernard O. Wheeler	1942-1945
Hermon L. Sawyer	1945-1954

Clifton W. Brewer	1946-to date
Haydn A. Hunt	1953-1956
Burton K. Wheeler	1954-1955
Robert H. Guild	1955-to date
Henry A. Wheeler	1956-to date
Vincent S. Eager	1957-to date

The following persons have served as Road Commissioners (board of three until 1902). From 1902 one person serving as Highway Commissioner, then as Highway Surveyor, again as Commissioner, and since 1922 to date as Superintendent of Streets.

George H. Bruce	1894
J. J. Randall	1894-1897
John H. Barnes	1894-1902
John O. Osgood	1895-1897
S. C. Chamberlin	1897-1901
L. E. Fosgate	1897-1899
W. A. Wheeler	1900-1904
A. L. Brewer	1901-1902
Chester A. Howe	1904-1941
Bernard O. Wheeler	1941-1942
Hermon L. Sawyer	1942-to date

The following have served on the Board of Public Welfare since its inception February 6, 1933. This period in history is sometimes called the period of the great depression. Previous to this date, the Board of Selectmen were also called the Overseers of the Poor. No doubt there was so much widespread relief needed that a new department was necessary. The Federal Government became the benefactor, taking the relief duties from charitable organizations. At this date welfare has become a joint obligation Federal, State, and Town.

Marion C. Fromant	1933
Robert E. Taylor	1933-1935
Herbert L. Wheeler	1933-1935
John W. McCarty	1933-1936
Lemuel D. Carter	1934-1937
Cecil B. Wheeler	1935-1944
Everett E. Bartlett	1936-1942
E. Guy Sawyer	1937-1943
William E. McNamara	1942-1943
Andrew Drysdale	1943-1945

Clifford H. Wheeler	1943-1948
William J. McCullough	1944-1947
Joe W. Davis	1945-1948
Blanche W. Nutting	1947-1951
Harry W. Featherstone	1948-1949
Louis V. Rowe	1948-1950
John G. Farrow	1951-1953
Eldon C. Wheeler	1949-to date
W. Lyle Woodward	1950 dec. Oct. 21, 1955
Florence L. Hawkins	1953-to date
Hattie B. Woodward	1955-to date

Auditors

W. E. Merrill	1897
James W. Barter	1900-1906-07
John E. Walter	1901-1905
J. D. Tyler	1907-1912
George H. Carpenter	1912-1913
Perley B. Sawyer	1913-1914
Arthur Hastings	1914-1915
Zoheth H. Woodbury	1914-1915, 1934-1936
Charles F. Harris	1915-1917
Clara W. Harris	1915-1921
E. Montrose Evans	1921-1927
George R. Spofford	1927-1930
Howard H. Pratt	1931-1932
James E. Andrews	1933-
Annella M. Dunfield	1934-
William J. McCullough	1936-1937
Fay L. Bridges	1938
Ellsworth G. Sawyer	1939-1941
Waino H. Tervo	1941-1945
Blanche W. Nutting	1946
E. Guy Sawyer	1947
Helen L. Tansey	1948-1955
Priscilla F. Jewett	1955-1957
Barbara E. Lapan	1957-to date

Tree Wardens

H. C. Hubbard	1908-1909
Myron S. Wheeler	1911
E. C. Ross	1912-1920
C. A. Howe	1920
A. R. Jones	1921-1922
Walter J. Allen	1923-1945
Hermon L. Sawyer	1946-to date

Dog Officers

I. F. Parmenter	1909-1911
L. D. Carter	1926-1927
Roland E. Wheeler	1930-1935
Myron R. Small	1935-1937
Clifford H. Wheeler	1938-1939, 1951-to date
Ernest L. Wheeler	1940-1941
John L. Nutting	1942-1943
Walter J. Allen	1944-1945
Clyde E. Rogers	1945-1948
Benjamin H. Spaulding	1949-1950

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Isaac Holbrook	1901-1917
Forrest Day	1918
George N. Davenport	1919-1923
L. D. Carter	1924-1929
Hermon L. Sawyer	1930-1944
Fay L. Bridges	1945-1952
Nathan I. Spaulding	1953-

Animal Inspectors

Robert B. Wheeler	1896-1900
Leonard W. Brewer	1900-1916
Ralph B. Small	1916-1920, 1931-1937
Marshall E. Chaplin	1920-1930
Benjamin Marble	1937-1940
John L. Nutting	1940-1944
Walter J. Allen	1944-1946
Warren W. Tansey	1946-1954
Alice L. Cole	1954-

Inspectors of Slaughter

Leonard W. Brewer	1914-1916
Marshall E. Chapin	1916-1931
William E. Wheeler	1931-to date
John L. Nutting	1946-to date
Amos G. Wheeler	1952-to date

Moth Superintendent

Willis Rice	1906-1911
Ernest C. Ross	1911-1920
C. A. Howe	1920
Fred L. Fairbanks	1920
A. R. Jones	1921-1923
Walter J. Allen	1923-1945
Warren W. Tansey	1946-1951
Hermon L. Sawyer	1951-to date

County Aid to Agriculture, Directors

Marion C. Fromant	1931-1945
Ruth I. Allen	1945
Louise F. Lockhart	1946-to date

Chief of Police

(Instituted 1922)

Walter Cole	1922-1933
Roland E. Wheeler	1933
Clyde E. Rogers	1934-1948
Benjamin H. Spaulding	1949-1950
Clifford H. Wheeler	1950-to date

Members of Finance Committee

(Established Annual Meeting Feb. 4, 1924)

Truman P. Felton	1924-1927
Clara M. Hubbard	1924
Marion C. Fromant	1924-1929
E. Guy Sawyer	1924-1929
Ira G. Dudley	1924
Edna Z. Guertin	1924
E. Hope Puffer	1925-1929
Clifford H. Wheeler	1925-1927
Ruea E. Small	1925-1930
Charles M. Field	1928-1933
Ernest C. Ross	1928-1931
James E. Andrews	1930-1932
Edith R. Sawyer	1930-1932
Mildred P. Spofford	1930-1933
Flora E. Smith	1931-1936
Walter D. Stratton	1932
Fay L. Bridges	1933
Leon H. Cummings	1933-1935
Roy P. Marble	1933-1935
Helen L. Brewer	1934-1940
Lester G. Ross	1934-1936
Earle A. Wheeler	1934-1942
Louis C. Rowe	1936-1940, 1946-1947
Vincent S. Eager	1936-1950
Harold C. Wheeler	1936-1938
Myron S. Wheeler	1937-1945
Danford B. Tyler	1939-1941, 1943-1950
Robert H. Bryan	1941-1943
Brittan A. Jackson	1941-1943
Everett E. Bartlett	1942-1945
Leon A. Brewer	1944-1949
Richard Mungeam	1944-1949

Raymond F. Stone	1946-1955
Carl A. Barter	1948-1950
Louis A. Emmonds	1950-1951
Ernest O. Wheeler	1950
Robert B. Coldwell	1951-to date
Clyde E. Rogers	1951-1958
Warren G. Field	1951-1952
Nelson C. Smith	1951-1955
Adelbert E. Coulson	1952-1955
Benjamin H. Spaulding, Jr.	1955-to date
John R. Bergen	1953-to date
John E. Collins	1956-to date
John Coolidge, Jr.	1956-to date
Willard H. Wheeler	1958-to date

Selectmen

(Board of Health) (Overseers of the Poor until 1933)

James E. Andrews	1896-1897, 1900-1903
Arthur Hastings	1896 1904-1911
D. C. Hastings	1896
Robert B. Wheeler	1898-1899
Daniel P. Hartwell	1898-1899
Sidney B. Carter	1898-1907
Henry A. Wheeler	1900-1904
Charles J. G. Hubbard	1905-1916, 1918-1920
James D. Tyler	1912-1914
Waldo L. Wheeler	1915-1917
Walter A. Wheeler	1917-1922
Arthur L. Brewer	1919-1923
Walter Cole	1921-1928
Lemuel D. Carter	1922-1927, 1934-1939
Hermon L. Sawyer	1924-1930
Herbert L. Wheeler	1928-1934
Robert E. Taylor	1929-1933
Chester E. Cole	1934-1946
Roy P. Marble	1936-1948
E. Guy Sawyer	1939 1947
Everett E. Bartlett	1946
Clifford H. Wheeler	1947-1953
George R. Spofford	1947-1952
Brittan A. Jackson	1948-1950
Herbert H. Guild	1950-Jan. 20, 1956
Carl A. Barter	1952-to date
Warren G. Field	1953-1957
Roger E. Wheeler	1956-to date
Nathan I. Spaulding	1957-to date

Registrars of Voters

(Selectmen and Town Clerk to 1945)

Harris G. Field	1945-1956
Charles A. Fromant	1945-to date
Ralph M. Hopfmann	1945-1954
Edward L. Collins	1945
Waino H. Tervo	1946-1954
Dona E. Bellarosa	1954-to date
Cecil B. Wheeler	1954-to date
Priscilla F. Jewett	1956-to date

Civic Board(Established 1951) (Changed to *Planning Board* 1953)

Roy P. Marble	1951
Marion C. Fromant	1951-1952
Frances E. Rice	1951-1953
Carl D. Phipps	1951-1953
Lester G. Ross	1951-1953
Everett E. Bartlett, Jr.	1954-1955
John W. Corman, Jr.	1954-1957
Ellsworth G. Sawyer	1954-to date
Leonard R. Mungeam	1952-1959
Donald H. Wheeler	1953-1954
John R. Cadogan	1955-1958
John J. Sallinger	1955-to date
Eric A. Brandt	1957-to date
Warren G. Field	1958-to date
Charles E. Nutting	1959-to date

Assessors

Willis Rice	1895
J. B. Allen	1895
J. E. Moran	1895
Walter A. Wheeler	1896-1897
Sidney B. Carter	1896-1897
Charles J. G. Hubbard	1897-1903
George H. Barnes	1898-
Samuel Wheeler	1898-1899
William S. Eager	1899-1906, 1933-1945
Lewis E. Fosgate	1901
John Q. Maynard	1902-1904
Lemuel D. Carter	1904-1917
Frank D. Buxton	1905-1916
James W. Barter	1907-1909, 1924-1926
Everett L. Paine	1910-1918
Herbert L. Wheeler	1917-1926
Hermon L. Sawyer	1918-1923

John W. McCarty	1919-1924
N. Harriman Fay	1925-1930
Benjamin Marble	1927-1931
Albert A. Jacobs	1927-1932
Robert H. Bryan	1931-1933
Ralph B. Small	1932-1937
James E. Andrews	1934-1945
Ruea E. Small	1938-1943
Ernest B. Coulson	1944-to date
Edward L. Collins	1946-to date
Kenneth M. Pierce	1946-1951
Vincent S. Eager	1952-to date

Trustees of Trust Funds

Willis Rice	1892-1906
S. Rolla Carter	1897-1903
Arthur Hastings	1891-1898
William Bassett	1891-1895
Arthur E. Wilson	1900-1901
Edwin E. Wheeler	1902-1913
Waldo L. Wheeler	1904-1947
Myron S. Wheeler	1907-1920
Henry A. Wheeler	1907-1934
Harold C. Hubbard	1921-1944
Everett L. Paine	1935-1956
Brittan A. Jackson	1945-1950
Robert E. Taylor	1948-1954
Ralph P. Marble	1949-1950
Carl B. Devine	1951-1953
Carl A. Barter	1951-to date
Robert H. Guild	1954-to date
Harris G. Field	1956-to date
Norman S. Coldwell	1959-to date

Library Trustees

G. F. Pratt	1894-1898
William Bassett	1894-1895
F. H. Crossman	1894-1896
William S. Eager	1897-1898
Willis Rice	1899-1907
Arthur E. Wilson	1899-1903
Mary A. Bassett	1899-1917
Nellie C. Carter	1903-1931
M. R. Tyler	1903-1914
M. Grace Hartshorn	1903-1904
Ida J. Sawyer	1904-1931
Nellie F. Wheeler	1904-1913
Frank R. Gale	1907-1913

Lucy J. Small	1913-1915
Hermon F. Lion	1914-1917
Sarah H. Dudley	1915-1939
Frances E. Rice	1917-1935
Edith R. S. Sawyer	1919-1945
Lucinda H. Hartshorn	1920-1933
Marion C. Fromant	1931-1954
Hazel I. Wheeler	1932-1942
Iva M. Popp	1933-1949
Mildred A. Bartlett	1935-1953
Eleanor P. Wheeler	1939-1958
Florence A. Ross	1942-1944
Carrie S. Hudson	1944-1958
Marjorie L. Coldwell	1946-1957
Mabel F. Marble	1949-1954
Lorraine R. Sawyer	1953-to date
Louise C. Rowe	1954-to date
Helen L. Pierce	1955-1959
Ruth B. Mungeam	1957-to date
Stephanie D. Hopfmann	1958-to date
Doris C. Andrews	1959-to date
Ruea N. Baum	1959-to date

Librarians

Mary M. Babcock	1894-1901
Alice E. Babcock	1902-1920
Mary Babcock Wheeler	1921-1924
Helen M. Sawyer	1925-1927
Ethel M. G. Sawyer	1928-1945
Hazel L. Sawyer	1945-1959
Helen L. Pierce	1959-to date

Fire Engineers
(Established 1930)

Clifford H. Wheeler	1930-1935, 1944-1946
Charles M. Field	1930-1935, 1944-1946
Myron R. Small	1930-1932
Earle A. Wheeler	1930-1935, 1944, 1947-1951
Clifton W. Brewer	1939-1944, 1949-1950
Andrew Drysdale	1939-1948
Alfred D. Brewer	1943-1944
Kenneth M. Pierce	1945-to date
Harold M. Warbin	1945-1948
Clyde E. Rogers	1949
Everett E. Bartlett, Sr.	1950
Charles E. Nutting	1945-to date
Roger E. Wheeler	1952-to date

Forest Fire Wardens

Forrest Day	1920-1921
Earle A. Wheeler	1922-1923, 1949-1952
Chester Randall	1924
Hermon L. Sawyer	1925-1927
Clifford H. Wheeler	1928-1946
Andrew Drysdale	1946-1948
Kenneth M. Pierce	1952-1954
Roger E. Wheeler	1954-to date

School Committee Members

Henry A. Wheeler	1890-1899, 1906-1911, 1915-1920
George F. Pratt	1891-1896
Adelaide Parmenter	1892-1896
Mary E. Chamberlain	1898-1900
Truman P. Felton	1898-1907
Perry H. White	1900-1902
M. L. Williams	1903
Mary A. Bassett	1901-1906
Edwin E. Wheeler	1904
Frank R. Gale	1904-1905, 1908-1910
Ida J. Sawyer	1907-1927
George F. Matthews	1911-1916
Charles E. Small	1912-1914, 1917-1919
Charles A. Nutting	1920-1933
Frances E. Rice	1921-1927
Frederick A. Krackhardt	1926-1935, 1941-1944
Maude A. Sawyer	1928-1940
John L. Nutting	1933-1935, 1939-1951
Edith A. Paine	1935-1941
Eugene Popp	1936-1939, 1940-1943
Evelyn Wheeler	1943-1952
Jeanette C. Andrews	1944-1953
John A. Campbell	1951-1954
Norman S. Coldwell	1952-1955
Helen L. Brewer	1953-1959
Russell K. Hawkins	1954-to date
Andrew B. Matthew	1955-1958
Russell H. Krackhardt	1958-to date
Catherine W. Davis	1959-to date

CHAPTER VI

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The primitive method of getting in touch with the neighbors was to follow the Indian trails. Thus, when John Moore, who settled on "Kelley" Hill of Berlin in 1665, wished to make a trip to the settlement of Lancaster, it became necessary for him to retrace his steps or ride his horse along the trail over Wataquack Hill. Philip Larkin, who settled in "Larkindale" off Boylston Road around 1720, was compelled to wend his way over the improvised road to Lancaster.

Likewise, when the Johnsons and the Baileys of South Berlin desired to attend worship in the meetinghouse at Lancaster, they were obliged to journey the weary miles over tedious ways. These "ways" were cart paths or merely bridle paths. It is not strange that these inhabitants expressed themselves in their petition for a new town (Bolton) in these terms: "Setting forth the many hardships and difficulties which we for these many years have undergone in getting to the public worship of God and in a peculiar manner in the winter season . . . therefore we request . . . to be a separate town or precinct."

This petition was granted and the Town of Bolton was incorporated in 1738. This brought the "meetinghouse" nearer to Berlin, but there was not much improvement in the condition of the roads. It was still with difficulty that the members of the Jonathan Wheeler family traveled over the way (Sawyer Hill and Frye Roads) to the Friends' Meetinghouse; and, likewise, the Bailey, Barnes, Goddard, Johnson, Jones, and Maynard families found it just as irksome to make the trip to the meetinghouse in Bolton by way of the Northboro Road and Wheeler Hill.

As more people settled and built dwellings on Berlin territory, it became necessary to find a better way to get to the meeting-

house, the mill and store, the Court in Worcester, and the General Court and market in Boston. The first roads to be laid out were the County roads. In 1798, the road from "Beaman's Bridge" (a bridge over the Nashua River at the west end of the Boylston Road) to the Berlin Meetinghouse was laid out. Within the next three years (1801) another County road was laid out, extending from Berlin Center to the Boylston line, over what is now Linden Street. This gave a more direct route to Worcester, the County Seat.

The following is a description of the estimate of land laid out for roads as presented in 1811 by the Committee comprised of: Ensign Solomon Howe, Caleb Houghton, Abraham Sawyer, David Brigham, Rufus Sawyer, Otis Howe, William Barnes, Warren Moore, and Harris Bailey.

It will be noticed that the two County roads were laid out three rods wide, while all the other roads were two rods. There was a total of thirty and one-half miles of road and 134 acres of land was taken.

- (1) County road, 3 rods, 5 miles, from "Beaman's Bridge" to Berlin Meetinghouse. The same was extended eastward to "Stone's Corner." The "Beaman's Bridge" referred to was evidently the bridge across the Nashua River, en route to Beaman's Mill in Sawyer's Mill of Boylston. This disappeared with the construction of the Wachusett Reservoir. The road was laid out in 1798 and thus there was a road from the Boylston line to Stone's Corner, over what is now Boylston Road, West and Central Streets, connecting Worcester and Feltonsville (Hudson). It was over this road that the Boston-Barre Stage Coach operated later.
- (2) County road, 3 rods, 2½ miles was laid out in 1801. This was our present Linden Street, extending from the Center to David Barnes, head of Barnes Road (later known as John H. Barnes Place, where Raymond Rainville now lives). This was the reputed route of the courier of April 19, 1775.
- (3) Road from Nathan Barber to Lancaster (Clinton, 1850) 2 rods, 2 miles. The Barber house stood opposite the Levi Babcock (Walter Kivier) place on West Street. The street

extended from the North Brook (at the crossing) on West Street, past the little brick schoolhouse to Allen Road, thence to the Nathan Allen place, from whence it reduced to a bridle way leading into Chace Street of Clinton.

- (4) Road to the Nathaniel Hastings place, 2 rods, 1 mile. This road extended from the Allen Road, through Dewey Park, by Joseph Schartner's to Hastings at the Clinton line. "Nathaniel Hastings settled in the west part of Berlin, next to the Clinton line, in 1765"; a cellar hole marks the spot.
- (5) Barnes Road, 2 rods, 1 mile, described as from F. Babcock to David Barnes. This road was not originally identical with the present Barnes Road. "William Babcock, son of Ephraim, built a house in West Berlin near the Old Colony R.R. water tank, opposite L. L. Carter's (C. A. Bowen) place." So that the road began at this point and followed Lincoln Road, crossing Boylston Road near the Niedzial place, on past the William Ulrich place, on to David Barnes (Rainville) at its junction with Linden Street.
- (6) Road by Amory Carter to Bolton line, 2 rods, 2 miles. Amory Carter lived on West Street, opposite Walter Kivior; so the road evidently started at the foot of Randall (near Ralph Harriman's) and continued to the Lancaster Road, following the same to Bolton line, near the Roy Mills place.
- (7) Road from Capt. Henry Powers to T. Pollard, 2 rods, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. This was a section of the Randall Road from Capt. Henry Powers (George W. Sargent) to Thomas Pollard (Peter Potas), or junction with Lancaster Road.
- (8) Road from Meetinghouse to Isaac Moore, 2 rods, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. This road extended from the Meetinghouse at Central over Carter to R.R. crossing, then up Highland to Isaac Moore (Chester Cole); here it passed in front of Cole's house to top of hill, thence along ridge to Bolton line (near present town line on Sawyer Road).
- (9) Road from Henry Power's, Jr., by Deacon Amos Meriam, 2 rods, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. This road ran from the corner of Randall and Highland along Randall to Carr Road, thence to Amos Meriam (Edw. Martineit) and beyond to Bolton line.
- (10) Road from Reuben Gates to Jonathan D. Meriam, 2 rods, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. This was a section of Carter Street from the corner

by Hal Rayner and Franklin Forbes to the Berlin House (where J. D. Meriam lived at this time). Reuben Gates lived in the Fuller House, where Silas Bacon now lives.

- (11) Road from the schoolhouse to Dea. James Goddard, 2 rods, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. This is our Derby Road. Since the roads had not been named yet, it was difficult to describe the exact layout. It oftentimes happened, to follow the limits given, you would retrace a former layout. As in this case: Derby road extends from the R.R. bridge at West Street, by Alfred C. Derby's house, to its junction with Linden Street. Both limits given are several rods from the road. The schoolhouse stood "near William Pollard's house" (i.e. George Felton's, now Jesse N. Babcock), and Dea. James Goddard lived in the Roy P. Marble house on Linden Street (now Walter D. Ford).
- (12) Road from Barnes to Greene, 2 rods, 1 mile. Ball Hill Road; Capt. William Barnes lived on the William F. Marble place, cor. Linden and Ball Hill (now occupied by Safford and Boyden). Nathan Ball was a resident of Northboro, but owned extensive land acreage in Berlin. "Ball Hill" got its name from James and Nathan Ball.
- (13) Road by A. Bailey and Timothy Bailey, 2 rods, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. This is Lyman Road. Amherst Bailey lived on the Edward Flagg place, which was sold to the Lyman School in 1895, now owned by John P. McGrail. Dea. Timothy Bailey lived on the Rufus R. Wheeler place (now Leota H. Fish).
- (14) Road from Bowman's to Capt. Maynard's and to A. Johnson's, 2 rods, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. Crosby Road—that is, from the junction with Lyman Road, "on which liveth Simon Bowman," to the junction with Pleasant Street, passing by the property of Amos Johnson, "west of the North Brook" (where Dustin S. Lucier now lives).
Bellevue Road extends from Crosby Road, at the Capt. Paul Brigham-Winslow B. Morse place (now John R. Cado-gan) to the Northboro line at the Capt. Barnabas Maynard place (now Roger W. Mills).
- (15) Road from the Meetinghouse to the Marlboro line, 2 rods, 3 miles. This was formerly known as the Northboro Road, which is now Pleasant Street. It extends to South Street at

South Berlin Post Office, thence following South to River Road, then over the bridge into Marlboro. This way is known as the Solomon Pond Road, for after passing through a corner of Marlboro the road continues into Northboro. Another way into Northboro is to take Whitney Road at Risi's Corner and come out on Pleasant Street at the top of the hill.

- (16) Road by Levi Wheeler's to Bolton line and to Lucy Bride's, 2 rods, 3 miles. This was Sawyer Hill Road complete, from Pleasant Street to the Bolton line. The northern end, beyond the R.R. crossing, was formerly known as the Frye Road, which is still the name of the Bolton section, to the Friends' Meetinghouse. Levi Wheeler lived on the homestead where Clifford H. Wheeler now lives. Also, we have the extension of Walnut Street from Lucy Bride's place (Harris G. Field) to its junction with Sawyer Hill Road.
- (17) Road by Holder's, 2 rods, 1 mile. This was that section of Gates Pond Road from Central Street at Stone's Corner to Holder settlement, beyond the East Schoolhouse.

Many more roads were laid out in the course of time, bringing the total number up to thirty-five. The latest was "the road from L. W. Brewer's to M. R. Tyler's, built in 1885." This was the Brewer Road extending from Central Street, by the Cotting Cold Storage Plant to Sawyer Hill Road, at the "Harper" place. Most all of these roads have been changed, straightened and re-located, so that it would require the services of an archeologist to tell where the original roads ran. If you think some of our roads are wabby now, you should have seen the original! The old County Road entwined around the present West Street three times between the R.R. crossing and the Berlin House.

The following is a list of the roads which were laid out and opened during the years between 1811 and 1885.

- 1837—Randall Road, section between "Kelley Hill" (Carr Rd.) and George Sargent place (at the head of Coburn Rd.).
- 1853—Walnut Street, section between Center and Asa Bride (Harris G. Field).
- 1841—River Road, section between 1790 Farm and Hudson Line.

- 1843—South Street, section between Newsome Corner (Risi's) and Northboro.
- 1851—West Street, section from Randall Road to Clinton line.
- 1852—South Street, section from A. D. Brewer house to "New Worcester" (settlement north of North Brook).
- 1868—South Street extended to the R.R. Depot (at Jones Rd.).
- 1869—Barnes Hill Road, section from R.R. bridge to near Lorenzo Bruce's (William Ulrich house).
- 1853—Pleasant Street extended from South Berlin to Northboro line, by Wheeler's mills.
- 1871—Carter Street, section from Berlin House to Corner (H. Rayner's).
- 1871—West Street, section from Berlin House to Rand place (Harold Warbin). This section was on the north side of railroad.
- 1881—West Street, section on south side of R.R. (present road) from Berlin House to top of hill at H. Warbin place.
- 1885—Brewer Road was opened.
- 1888—Marlboro Bridge (over Assabet River), near 1790 Farm, was built.

This bridge sufficed the needs of the traveling public until wrecked by the flood of March 1936. In late November of 1937 a new steel and concrete bridge was completed and opened to the public. It has a length of seventy-five feet and is twenty-four feet wide, having been erected five feet higher than its predecessor at a cost of \$23,000.

In 1906 a committee consisting of James D. Tyler, Walter Cole, and Fred A. Fosgate was appointed to name the roads and furnish a map or blueprint (by James F. Bigelow), and also to place suitable signposts at the intersections. By their arrangement the lanes radiating out from the Center were designated as streets. All other ways were called roads. The committee made their report at a special Town Meeting on June 28, 1907, and the following is their list of streets and roads.

NAMES OF STREETS

(All of which lead to center of Berlin)

- (1) Central Street—from west corner of triangle around Congregational Church easterly to Hudson line.

- (2) Pleasant Street—from Central Street at Hartshorn's Corner to Northboro line, through south part and by Wheeler's Mill.
- (3) South Street—from Linden Street near triangle at center, to Leach Corner on River Road, past the N.Y. N.H. & H. R.R. depot, through the south part of Berlin.
- (4) Linden Street—from west corner of triangle at center to Boylston line by C. M. Sawyer's and George A. Barnes' houses.
- (5) West Street—from Linden Street, at Hale's Corner, through west part of Berlin to Clinton line.
- (6) Carter Street—from south corner of triangle at center through Carterville to West Street.
- (7) Walnut Street—from west corner of triangle at Berlin Center, past Town House and Congregational and Methodist Churches, to Sawyer Hill Road, past house of A. L. Brewer.
- (8) Highland Street—from Carter Street in Carterville, to Bolton line over Wheeler Hill.

NAMES OF ROADS

- (1) Brewer Road—from Central Street near L. W. Brewer's house to Sawyer Hill Road, near Levi Cooley's place.
- (2) Gates Pond Road—from Central Street near H. A. Stone's house to Hudson line past Matthew's place.
- (3) Fosgate Road—from Gates Pond Road to house of F. A. Fosgate.
- (4) Marlboro Road—from Gates Pond Road to Hudson line near Benway's house on River Road.
- (5) Dudley Road—from Marlboro Road, past old Dudley place to Hudson line near Johnson house.
- (6) River Road—from River Street at Hudson line near Foley's house, to Marlboro line near Leach place at south part of Berlin.
- (7) Bridge Road—from River Road near C. H. Allen's house over bridge to Marlboro line.
- (8) Whitney Road—from River Road at Leach Corner to Northboro line.
- (9) Sawyer Hill Road—from Pleasant Street near cemetery, over Sawyer Hill and across Central Street to Bolton line.

- (10) Summer Road—from Sawyer Hill Road to Sarah A. Wheeler's house.
- (11) Jones Road—from Pleasant Street at Jones' house to Crosby Road by N.Y. N.H. & H. R.R. Depot.
- (12) Crosby Road—from Pleasant Street by the schoolhouse at south part of Berlin, over bridge at north end of mill pond, by old Crosby house to Lyman Road.
- (13) Belleview Road—from Crosby Road to Northboro line near F. C. Lasselle place.
- (14) Lyman Road—from Linden Street near Lyman School to Northboro line near house of W. A. Wheeler.
- (15) Ball Hill Road—from Linden Street near house of W. F. Marble to Northboro line.
- (16) Derby Road—from West Street at B. & M. overhead bridge at West Berlin to Linden Street past A. C. Derby's house.
- (17) Barnes Road—from West Street at B. & M. overhead bridge at West Berlin to Linden Street near George H. Barnes' house.
- (18) Boylston Road—from West Street at B. & M. overhead bridge at West Berlin to Clinton line past the Dana Larkin house.
- (19) Larkin Road—from Boylston Road to the Boylston line near the Alfred Larkin place.
- (20) Lincoln Road—from West Street near L. L. Carter's place by schoolhouse, West Berlin to Boylston Road.
- (21) Coburn Road—from West Street at railroad bridge past the old Coburn place to Randall Road, near F. H. Turnbull place.
- (22) Randall Road—from West Street near Electric Ry. powerhouse, West part, past Paul Randall place to Highland Street.
- (23) Allen Road—from West Street near Silas Mills place to end of road at Elmer E. Allen place near Clinton line.
- (24) Lancaster Road—from Randall Road near old Francis Babcock place to Bolton line, near Bolton Station on N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R.
- (25) Peach Hill Road—from Randall Road near Lyman Sargent place to Bolton line, past house of A. L. Jacobs.

- (26) Carr Road—from Randall Road near Paul A. Randall place to Bolton line, past C. L. Carr place.
- (27) Turner Road—from Derby Road near Spofford place to Joseph Turner's house.

This completed the layout and naming of the roads of Berlin, which became and remained the basis of the system for thirteen years. After the conclusion of World War I, the citizens of Berlin, by the suggestion of the American Legion, expressed a desire to show some recognition of the sacrifice of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Woodward. So, action was taken under Article 14 of the Town Warrant of March 1, 1920, by which it was voted "to change that part of Walnut Street between Linden and Carter to Woodward Avenue to perpetuate the names of two young men who gave their lives in the great European war." Thus that section of Walnut Street, from the C. N. Woodward home (passing in front of the Town Hall) to Carter Street at the Public Library, was renamed.

As a result of a land development on the Hartshorn property, purchased by Charles M. Field and processed by the construction of dwellings thereon by Louis G. Hudson, a new street was added to the list. Under Article 33 of the Town Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of February 5, 1940, the "Town accepted land for a public road as proposed in plan by Charles M. Field . . . said road shall be 40 feet wide." This was named Oak Street, which bears off of Central Street, at the house of Louis G. Hudson, and runs northward toward Walnut Street. Eventually, probably, it will connect with Walnut Street. This addition brings the road mileage up to 40.1 miles.

A new housing development has been constructed on the land of John Bowser on the northerly side of River Road, situated about one-half mile from Marlboro Road. There is a private way extending into this settlement, but as to date (1954) the Town has refused to accept it as a public street because it does not meet the requirements of the By-laws for the Town of Berlin.

Under Article VII, Section 2, of the By-laws of the Town of Berlin, the following provision is made for the acceptance of a public way. Namely, "No private way shall be accepted by the Town as a public way unless . . . the street right of way shall be

at least forty feet, the street lines and intersections shall be cut back to provide a curb radius of not less than twenty feet, . . . a dead end street shall have a substantially circular turn-around at the end having a curb radius of not less than forty-five feet, . . . and there shall be adequate provision for the disposal of the surface drainage water."

There has been a great advance in the cost of the construction, development, and maintenance of highways and bridges since 1895. In that year John O. Osgood, the Road Commissioner, reported an expenditure of \$1,745.76 for the "support of highways and bridges and street lights." This appeared extravagant when compared to the grant of forty-five pounds (150 dollars) in 1784 for the repairs of highways, to be worked out at three shillings a day for a man, and one shilling six pence for a yoke of oxen and nine pence for a cart; eight hours being a day's work.

Due to the evolution of construction materials, road machinery and the price of labor, we observe a marked change in the cost of the highways as presented in ten-year periods.

1900	Road Commissioners Report (3 members)	\$1,953.64
1910	Highway Commissioner (C. A. Howe)	2,839.18
1920	Highway Commissioner (C. A. Howe)	6,884.21
1930	Superintendent of Streets (C. A. Howe)	33,536.53
	Also Gasoline Roller \$5,500 and Barn \$1,367.60	
1940	Superintendent of Streets (C. A. Howe) (Saving on W. P. A. labor)	25,091.91
1950	Superintendent of Streets (Hermon L. Sawyer)	30,846.19
1954	Superintendent of Streets (Hermon L. Sawyer)	36,270.76

The variance in the total cost of the Street Department since the year 1940 is due to the transition from the use of privately owned trucks to those owned by the Town. Also, other equipment, such as sanding machines and spreaders, have reduced the cost of service. It was cheaper to secure sand and gravel where there were loading devices than to load by hand labor.

A striking increase in the cost of the Street Department is shown in the 1954 report, but when the cost of two hurricanes (Carol and Edna), and the loss of a bridge on Jones Road, are deducted, the figure is similar to that of 1950.

In order to meet the modern requirements for road construction and maintenance, the Town of Berlin has consistently de-

veloped a machinery and maintenance fund. One of the first investments in road machinery was a road scraper, purchased in 1914, for which the Town paid \$241.31. In 1916 a committee consisting of C. A. Howe, W. A. Wheeler, and I. G. Dudley was appointed to investigate the matter of oiling the roads and streets. The State agreed to furnish the oil if the Town would pay for applying it. Since this experiment practically all of the roads of Berlin have become surfaced and oiled.

In 1930 the Town purchased a gasoline roller of the Buffalo-Springfield Company for \$5,500. In order to house this fine piece of road machinery, and other prospective equipment, the Town erected a Town Barn on land bought of W. A. Wheeler on Carter Street in the same year. In order to condition the roads to a better working surface a road hone, costing \$105, was purchased in 1934. The Town now owns two trucks, one purchased in 1937 and the other in 1940.

Prior to 1926 there were no motorized snowplows operated by the Town. Since then one was bought in 1927, another in 1931, a third in 1934, and in 1938 two new plows were purchased. Another building was constructed on the grounds for the storage of sand, salt, and other materials used by the road department. To this equipment a sand-spreading unit was added.

The construction and maintenance of highways had been very well accomplished, and those living in the outskirts of the Town could ride or motor right up to the Church or Center Store and Post Office. But, as the population and dwellings increased around Carterville and central Berlin, the problem for pedestrians became acute. Highways had become the avenues for motor vehicles, and they were not safe for pedestrians. So, early in the year 1915, the Village Improvement Society took under advisement the construction of concrete sidewalks. As a result, the Town voted in the March meeting of 1917 to appropriate a sum of money in conjunction with the Village Improvement Society to build a sidewalk extending from the Center towards Carterville.

This construction was supplemented in 1921, by the aid of the Berlin Board of Trade, when a cement sidewalk was built beginning at the end near the Bullard place and continued along the south side of the Common to Carter Street.

These early roadways are landmarks of primitive history. For instance, Linden Street (County Road) reminds us of the fiery steed that raced through Berlin on April 19, 1775, bearing the ardent news of Lexington. We are told that en route he passed the newly-rooted young elm tree which James Goddard had set out the previous month. This elm stood opposite the Roy P. Marble house (now Walter D. Ford). For one hundred and seventy-five years this giant elm stood as a reminder of that famous ride. Within its life it had gained a girth of thirty-three feet and developed a spread of 165 feet, covering 8660 square feet, and towered to a height of 130 feet; but, as with the Indians of yore, disease has "entered in" and the elm is no more. There remains only the record; some future archaeologist may reveal its location and age.

The Market-Man

It was during Napoleon's days and the War of 1812 that Mr. Hugh Bruce began making his weekly trips to Boston with the products of the farms of Berlin, and on his return, brought supplies in that "well covered wagon" drawn by two horses. After his marriage to Sally Moore in 1796, Mr. Bruce established himself on the old Chandler Carter place (where Lester F. Sarty now lives) on Pleasant Street. His trips to Boston were not like visiting in a strange country, for already two of the native-born citizens of Berlin had located in a prosperous business in the metropolis.

One of these was Abraham Babcock, son of William, who was a tobacconist in Boston. Berlin not only received his products in the early 1800's, but he also gave his daughter, Nancy, in marriage to Chandler Carter in 1839, who moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Bruce. By the year 1887, some of his profits found their way into the Town's treasury, as well as funds to the Unitarian Society.

Another successful businessman from Berlin who removed to Boston was Levi Meriam, who began his wholesale wine trade in 1812. It is recorded that the marketman brought all of the store groceries, which included "New rum," that is, New England rum, later called Medford rum. In the year 1825 it was reported

that sixty hogsheads of rum were consumed by some of the seven hundred inhabitants of Berlin.

Among other things which the marketman brought from Boston was the *Boston Palladium*. A weekly concourse awaited his arrival at Howe's Tavern, where he oftentimes read aloud to them from the seat of his wagon. Mr. Bruce retired from the marketman business in 1820 and died on September 14 of the following year, in Boston. Merrick Houghton bought the business and the Chandler Carter house from the widow Bruce in 1821. Thus the business continued until taken over by Amos Sawyer, Jr., who later became operator of the Stage Coach.

The Berlin Stage Coach

It was a gala day in Berlin when "Squire Meriam" (J. D. Meriam) started the Berlin Stage Coach in 1826. Mr. Meriam was associated with Colonel Pope and George E. Manson of Feltonville (Hudson) in this enterprise. This stage line made three trips a week between Berlin and Boston. Since it was about this time (late 1827) that Col. Amory Holman of Bolton purchased and organized the Boston and Fitchburg Accommodation Stage Company, with headquarters in Bolton, a section of the Boston, Barre, and Greenfield Lines, the Berlin Stage Coach Line was considered a link in this system. The nearest connecting point was at Stow for points north and west. The trip from Boston to Greenfield, a distance of ninety-six miles, took eighteen hours and twenty-nine minutes by schedule.

Mr. Meriam was succeeded, in 1837, by Amos Sawyer, Jr., who added to his passenger and mail service an express service from the Fitchburg Railroad Station at South Acton in 1849. This required a six-day service. Mr. Sawyer continued the operation of the stage until 1865, a year before his death. During this period he had some rare experiences. One in point was the visitation of the Rev. Edward Everett Hale to Berlin. It happened that on Sunday of November the 13th, 1842, when a youth of twenty years, he came to Berlin to preach his first sermon since his ordination in Worcester. Since Monday, the next day, was state election, Mr. Sawyer delayed his trip to Boston in order to vote at home. So, Rev. Hale accompanied him to the Town House to await his start-

ing. While there, he was invited to open the meeting with prayer, which he did. That night he accompanied Mr. Sawyer to Boston, taking with him not only the election returns from Berlin, but also those of Sudbury, Weston, Waltham, and Watertown. These Rev. Hale conveyed to his father's newspaper, *The Boston Advertiser*, on which he had been previously a reporter.

John G. Peters followed Mr. Sawyer in the express business and Warren Howe continued to run the "old Berlin coach" until February 3rd of 1894 when the stage was discontinued. Miss Phebe A. Holder produced a fitting poem of farewell for the occasion, which appears in Houghton's *History of Berlin*, pp. 86-87. One stanza reveals the style:

Its course is run, its errand done.
No more we hear at set of sun
The rattling wheels, through life we've heard,
That have with joy my child heart stirred,
The old Stage Coach.

The Bean Express Company

There was evidently another express company which delivered mail and express to Berlin, from the south, prior to the extension of the Agricultural Branch Rail Road from Northboro to Pratt's Junction in 1866. This was the Bean and Company's Express, with headquarters at 84 Court Square, Boston. They were scheduled to leave the office daily at 12:30. En route they made deliveries at Framingham, Fayville, Southboro, Marlboro, Northboro, Berlin, and Clinton. As evidence of such an express, there was in the possession of Mr. Arthur Hastings a letter addressed to his mother, Mrs. C. S. Hastings, South Berlin, Mass., post-marked 1863, on which the above information was printed.

Post Offices in Berlin

Equally as interesting and as indigenous to the times as the marketman was the development of the Post system. Prior to 1826 mail for any destination was hung on the walls of Jones' Inn and later, Howe's Tavern, to be picked up by any traveler who was going in that direction. By a repetition of this process in suc-

cessive towns, mail finally, yes, probably, reached its destination.

The Postal System has made remarkable strides since those primitive days. Yet, in these modern days, some strange bungling of the mail occurs under the supervision of our "trained" mail clerks. In February of 1954 Edward F. Greene of 44 Pleasant Street, Marlboro, Mass., addressed a letter to Frederick A. Krackhardt, West Berlin, Mass. This letter was delivered to Heinrich Krackhardt in West Berlin, Germany. But he pointed out to the postman that this letter was intended for West Berlin, U.S.A.; so it was returned to the sender and he delivered the letter in person over a month afterwards.

In order to keep Berlin posted on the news, a post rider came from Worcester regularly, once a week, with copies of the *Massachusetts Spy*. Although this paper had its origin in Boston on July 17, 1770, by Isaiah Thomas, it was transferred to Worcester on the day following the Battle of Lexington, and the first copy appeared on May 3, 1775. It continued under this name until July 22, 1845, when it appeared as the *Worcester Daily Spy*.

Another publication which was circulated among the Berlin yeomen was *The Old Farmer's Almanac*. This booklet was established by Robert B. Thomas in 1792. He lived for the most of his life in Oakdale, of the Town of West Boylston. It is still published annually and is considered a document of importance in providing a picture of New England life that is long past.

In passing, we should not overlook the *Berlin News*. A small sheet (7½ x 5 inches) composed and published by Perry H. White, at the home of Mrs. C. S. Hastings in South Berlin. Perry had just turned his thirteenth birthday when the first issue appeared on July 25, 1888. The publication continued for five years, closing with the issue of July 19, 1893. These sheets are a rare repository of the current "news, whips, and cracks" of that period, and it is worth our perusal. Copies of the *Berlin News* may be found in the Public Library and a description of the paper may be viewed in Houghton's *History of Berlin*, pp. 531-533.

The first Post Office was established in Berlin on May 2, 1828, in the old Howe's Tavern, at the corner of Pleasant and Central Streets. Here William A. Howe conducted the General Store. Jonathan D. Meriam, operator of the Berlin Stage Coach, became the first Postmaster. He was followed by William A. Howe in

1831; James E. Woods took over on February 27, 1839; and Haman Hunt on June 4, 1839. Dexter B. Saunders became Postmaster on October 24, 1844. Then followed Joel Bullard, the blacksmith, who shuffled the mail in the "old Bullard House" between November 4, 1846 and November 22, 1848. At the latter date, Rufus E. Hastings took over the general store business, at the "Howe Tavern," became Postmaster, and the office was re-located there.

The tavern and store business was moved to its present location, on Central Street—facing Carter Street and the Common—in 1852. Here the General Store and Post Office were operated under the following persons:

Rufus S. Hastings until	May 25, 1874
Amory A. Bartlett	June 6, 1881
Ezra S. Moore	March 6, 1891
Christopher S. White	December 1, 1895
Elijah C. Shattuck	1895-1897
William H. Lasselle	1897-1907
Perley B. Sawyer	1907-1912
William A. Hartshorn	1912-1915
Zoheth H. Woodbury	1915-1918
E. Guy Sawyer	1918-1925
James E. Andrews	1925-1928
Kendall E. Andrews	April 6, 1928-Nov. 12, 1948
Robert E. Taylor	-Nov. 9, 1954
Burton K. Wheeler	(temporary postmaster)
Cecil B. Wheeler, Jr.	August 31, 1956

The second post office to be established in the Town was at West Berlin when, on May 13, 1868, Silas R. Carter, proprietor of Carter's Stores, became Postmaster. He continued in this service until August 15, 1917—the date of his death. After which the post office business was moved to the home and printing quarters of Charles F. Harris, at the corner of Lincoln Road and West Street. The Office was continued at this same location when Cyrus A. Bowen purchased the property in 1924, and Mrs. May H. Bowen became Postmaster. After the fire of October, 1925, which destroyed the property, the Bowens built a new store building at the street corner, and the Post Office was housed there.

In January of 1951 Mrs. Seaward S. Spinney became Post-

master, which position she held until March of 1953, when John O'Connell became the Postmaster. On January 15, 1955, the Post Office was moved to the Harriman Spa, at the corner of West Street and Randall Road, and Ralph L. Harriman became (acting) Postmaster. The West Berlin Post Office was closed by Federal Order on April 20, 1956.

South Berlin secured her Post Office on March 3, 1891, and Charles B. Maynard was appointed Postmaster. In the year 1907 the office was transferred to the store of Arthur B. Wheeler. After his death, November 24, 1925, Mrs. Jane W. Wheeler became the Postmaster. Then in 1927 the Post Office was moved across the street (South Street) to the home of John Bernardson, and Mrs. Jessie A. Bernardson became the Postmaster.

Mr. N. Harriman Fay built a new store building on the site of the original store of Hastings Bros., at the junction of Pleasant and South Streets. This store was taken over by Willard H. Wheeler, a grandson of Arthur Hastings (of Hastings Bros.), and in December of 1946 the Post Office was moved to this building and Willard H. Wheeler became the new Postmaster.

With three Post Offices in the Town, there arose the problem of how they should receive and send out the mail. When the Agricultural Branch Railroad began operations through here in 1866, they were given the job of carrying the mail. There was a station at West Berlin on this line, across the street from the Post Office, but the Berlin station was two miles from both the Center and the South Berlin Post Office. Therefore, what was known as a Star Route was established to carry the mail between the railroad station and the two Post Offices. Forrest E. Day was the last person to operate this Star Route. This particular branch of the New Haven Railroad discontinued their passenger and express service in 1933, and the mail service was taken over by privately-owned Star Route trucks, under contract. This had the advantage, in that the mail truck made direct delivery to each Post Office en route. Now there are daily trips between Boston and Clinton, giving Berlin two mails from Boston and two from Clinton.

Rural Free Delivery

On September 17, 1906, William S. Eager began his service as Rural Free Delivery carrier for the outlying homes of Berlin

—over a mile from a Post Office. He covered the route of fourteen and eight tenths miles with horse and carriage, which took ordinarily three hours. In 1928 the business was motorized and the route extended to twenty miles, which required a little over two hours. Mr. Eager was retired on January 30, 1933, and the R.F.D. service of Berlin was added to that of Bolton. Edwin M. Popp of Bolton was awarded the contract and with the many additional patrons, it guarantees a profitable position.

Railroads

There are two railroads which pass through the Town of Berlin. Both are lines of the two main systems of New England, the Boston & Maine, and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroads. The Boston & Maine traverses the Town from the east to west, and the New Haven from the north to the south, crossing at West Berlin. The B & M crosses over the North Brook, New Haven tracks, and West Street on a high bridge, while the New Haven tracks follow the course of the North Brook valley, parallel with West Street and Derby Road.

Until about 1895, around the time of the construction of the Wachusett Reservoir, when the course of the tracks was changed, there was a by-pass switch between the two lines at West Berlin, and there had been much comment on building a union station at this point.

The first railroad to lay its tracks in Berlin was the Agricultural Branch Railroad (chartered on April 26, 1847) which extended its line from Northboro to Pratt's Junction on July 2, 1866. The Berlin Station was located in the south part of town at the junction of South Street with Jones Road. A second station was West Berlin, located conveniently opposite the village store on West Street. Owing to the confusion in enunciation of West Berlin and Westboro, the name of the station was changed to Carters in 1922. While not on Berlin territory, yet convenient to those living on Lancaster Road in the north part of Berlin, there was another station by the name of Bolton.

One year after this line came into Berlin (1867) the name was changed to the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company. As such, it consolidated with the Fitchburg and Worcester in

1869, then leased the New Bedford Railroad Company in 1874. As the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford, it united with the Old Colony Road in 1882—the resulting corporation being known as the Old Colony.

Thus Berlin became a cog in a big-time network when the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company took a ninety-nine year lease on the Old Colony in 1893. With this setup, Berlin, for the next forty years, had direct connection with Boston, Fall River, and New Bedford on the sea, and Fitchburg (the other terminus) at the north.

With the advent of the trolley cars and especially that of the automobile, passenger service on the railroads gradually decreased, so that in 1933 passenger service on the N.Y., N.H. & H. line between Fitchburg and Framingham, was discontinued, and one by one the station houses between these points were sold and removed. Two of the houses on Oak Street, built by Louis G. Hudson, contain materials from some of these stations. The tracks are still in use for heavy freight service operated by modern diesel engines.

Boston & Maine Railroad

Another railroad, which tied Berlin in the extensive steel tentacles, is the Boston & Maine. This line developed from the fact that the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company was chartered on May 10, 1869, and the road was to go through Berlin, with the provision that said town would “subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock . . . to an amount not exceeding five percent of the assessed valuation of the town.” At the Annual Town Meeting of November 2, 1869, it was voted to subscribe for 200 shares at \$100 each. Then it was voted that the money be raised by issuing bonds of the town at six percent, payable in twenty years.

The first passenger train service over this line for Berlin began on December 19, 1881, after Charles S. Mellen, head of the Lowell Railroad Company, had bought and completed the construction of the Central Massachusetts branch from Boston to Northampton. Then, on April 1, 1887, control went to the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Following this move, the Town of Berlin voted in their meet-

ing of April 9, 1887, to authorize the Selectmen with two others to sell the stock of the Central Massachusetts Railroad Company on such terms as they thought best for the interest of the Town. It was then that a public-spirited citizen, Chandler Carter, came forward and made the donation of \$20,000, wishing that the Town would never get in debt again. The Town accepted his donation, paid the debt, and placed Mr. Carter's oil portrait upon the wall of the Town Hall assembly room in gratitude.

Passenger service on the B & M line, between Hudson and Clinton, was discontinued on May 17, 1958. On this date, a large group of Berlin citizens assembled at the station to witness the "last train" at 7:08 P.M., and to take pictures of another antique. Several children boarded the train in order to have a farewell ride (through the tunnel and over the bridge) into Clinton. They returned to Berlin by autos. The tracks, between Berlin Center and Clinton, have been removed (as per date November 1, 1959). Passenger train service on the B & M continues to operate between Hudson and Boston; but freight service is maintained to Berlin Center.

The wrecking of the steel bridge at the West Berlin crossing was completed on January 11, 1960. For many years the substantial abutments for the bridge lifted their heads skyward without any structure to carry the railroad, until the completion of the trestle bridge in 1880. Then the "Big Blow" of November 25, 1888 hurled the wooden structure of the bridge to the ground. Afterward the steel bridge was constructed over North Brook, New Haven R.R. tracks and West Street. Now the ghastly abutments of 1869 remain as a reminder of Berlin's twenty shares of stock.

In the early days of this road, there were three stations accessible to the people of Berlin. Besides the Berlin station at Carterville, there was a South Clinton station for the convenience of the people living near the juncture of the towns of Boylston, Clinton, and Berlin. This station was eliminated in 1895 during the construction of the Wachusett Reservoir. The tracks were relocated to avoid the reservoir. Another station, accessible for the people of the eastern section of Berlin, was that of South Bolton near the juncture of the towns of Bolton, Hudson, and Berlin. This station house was closed, sold, and removed in 1937.

The Berlin station house in Carterville was removed around 1942. In its stead a small section house has been erected to shelter some half-dozen passengers from the elements. Passenger service on this line between Clinton and Boston was reduced to six trains daily. Three trains in the morning to Boston, and three on the return in the afternoon. Freight service has been continued to Berlin Center. Railway Express pickup and delivery service exists between Clinton and Berlin.

Clinton Auto Express

Since the discontinuance of the passenger and express service on the New Haven line, and the closing of the express office of the B & M (1934) station at Berlin, this branch of transportation has been serviced by the Clinton Auto Express, Inc. This company began operating in 1921 with headquarters at 506 High Street in Clinton. Their Worcester office is at Rear Mulberry Street, and the Boston Office at 140 Leverett Street. Seven three-to four-ton trucks make daily trips between Clinton, Worcester, and Boston. True to their moto: "You Specify, We Satisfy," they pick up packages and deliver parcels to local addresses in Berlin.

The Trolley Lines

A new mode of travel was introduced in Berlin in 1900 when the Clinton and Hudson Street Railway began to run its trolley cars through the Town. On October 17, 1900, the Fitchburg Suburban Street Railway Company, the Clinton and Hudson Railway Company, and the Worcester & Clinton Street Railway Company were consolidated, and on March 1, 1901, it became known as the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company.

For a quarter of a century this method of transportation was prevalent. Not only did they patronize the trolley for the regular business and commercial trips, but many were the "joy-rides" taken to Boone Pond, Leominster, and Whalom Park. Cars were chartered and hundreds of picnickers crowded on them to the running board.

After automobiles came into common usage, the trolley business began to decline. The seven sidings between Hudson and

Clinton were reduced to one at Berlin Center. This was because they didn't need them; fewer cars were running. The light patronage did not warrant the service, and the prolonged waits for a trolley discouraged the public. Finally, on September 7, 1924, the time of the expiration of its contract, Berlin witnessed the last trip of a trolley car on the Clinton-Hudson branch of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway.

The franchise to run trolley cars between Hudson and Clinton, through Berlin, was let in February 1899 when Robert B. Wheeler, Daniel P. Hartwell, and Sidney B. Carter were Selectmen. The car barn and power plant (now the Berlin Mushroom Company) were located in West Berlin and supplied current for both the Clinton-Hudson and the Worcester-Clinton branch of the W. & C. St. Ry. From the *Berlin News* we learn that "Edmund Perrin, conductor on C. & H. electric cars and Edward Bates, supt. of car barn at West Berlin, lived in Sid Carter's tenement of West Street in 1900."

In the Town records under date of September 12, 1898, it is noted that the W. & C. St. Ry. Co. petitioned the Selectmen for the right to run a spur line to the Old Colony R.R. tracks, for the purpose of conveying coal and supplies to their power plant.

Lovell Bus Lines, Inc.

About two weeks elapsed after the cessation of trolley service before any public means of transportation was established through Berlin. John Pescorino had been operating a jitney between Lancaster Center and the Berlin-Clinton line at Dewey Park, but he could not secure a permit to operate through Berlin.

It was on September 19, 1924, that John F. Lovell of Maynard began running his buses through Berlin to Clinton. By the first of the following year (1925) he had extended his run to Leominster. He soon became incorporated as the Lovell Bus Lines, Inc., with the home office and car barn at Maynard. The line was extended to Arlington Heights where you connected with the Boston Elevated, thus assuring a continuous passage to Boston.

By the year 1950 the Lovell Bus Lines had developed a network of routes with branches from the Actons, Bedford Airport, and to Waltham and Watertown. Thus Berlin felt that they were

on a system that would last indefinitely. There was an hourly service for Berlin, in either direction, from 6:20 A.M. to 11:20 P.M. daily. This service was more dependable than the former trolley service, especially during the snowstormy weather, when the trolley generally waited for nature to clear the tracks. With modern snow removal equipment, both the bus lines and the Town kept the highways cleared and traffic proceeded in a uniform manner.

However, the inhabitants of Berlin were soon to be disappointed in their expectations. The bus company claimed that they were not receiving enough patronage to pay the expenses of operation, and the citizens of Berlin learned that they could not depend upon the bus line for schedule. Thus people invested more and more in private cars.

On January 25, 1953, Lovell Bus Lines service between Clinton and Leominster, and between Clinton and Maynard was sharply curtailed. All Sunday and holiday service was discontinued. Early morning and evening service between Clinton and Maynard was curtailed, so that there was no bus before 8:15 A.M. or after 8:15 P.M. The Company filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal Court, and on Tuesday, February 24, 1953, the Lovell Bus Lines, Inc. went out of business. Since then, Berlin has not had any bus service.

The Automobile

During the early years of the twentieth century, the most common means of travel was with horse and carriage; but for many, who could not afford or find it convenient to keep a horse, there was the bicycle. The bicycle was the most convenient means of travel for the young ministers of the community in making their weekly calls among their parishioners. Rev. Alfred S. Durston, during his pastorate from 1918 to 1921, used his bicycle to contact the members of his parish in the outlying districts. Even today many of the young folks, under sixteen years of age, ride bicycles—but not much after sixteen, for then they can secure a license to drive an automobile.

The first automobile owned in Berlin was a Stanley Steamer which Forrest E. Day bought of Charlie Boyce of Hudson in 1907. About the year 1910 the same was sold to David S. Tyler,

who tried his patience with the "pesky thing." Another Stanley Steamer was introduced to Berlin about this time by M. Reed Tyler, which stood in his barn-garage on Pleasant Street since 1909.

These cars were used only as pleasure vehicles, but some of Mr. Day's experiences with boiler and engine troubles were far from being a pleasure. Nevertheless, his interest and repairs on these models developed into the opening of a garage, in a barn at the rear of the residence of the late Ethel M. G. Sawyer, corner of Central and Linden Streets. It was here that he took in Earle A. Wheeler as an assistant, and from this beginning there developed the Wheeler Garage of West Street, which moved to its new quarters in the old Stone Craft Building of Carter Street in 1951.

There was very little trouble about speeding with these early models, but their unusual appearance and noises frightened the cattle and horses as they puffed and barked along the highway. It was a customary experience to call upon the aid of horses to drag the car up the hill or out of a mudhole in the road.

It was so unusual for a person to own an automobile that, even as late as the 1920's, the fact was published in the local news. Here are two items that appeared in the *Clinton Courant* (Berlin News):

April 18, 1924, "E. Montrose Evans has purchased a new automobile."

May 2, 1924, "Selectman L. D. Carter has purchased a fine seven-passenger Marmon Limousine."

In the year 1918 the Selectmen ordered signs placed along the highways warning the motorists of a speed limit of fifteen miles per hour. This limit was increased to twenty-five miles per hour in 1940, and to thirty-five miles per hour in 1950. We judge that if the super-highway passes through Berlin by 1960 a speed of forty-five miles per hour will be permitted.

There has been a gradual increase in the number of cars and trucks owned by the inhabitants of Berlin. Not only has the number increased, but also the valuation of cars. By looking at the report on excise tax, we may observe the increase—which, in late years, is due largely to the absence of public commutation.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Cars and Trucks</i>	<i>Excise Tax</i>	<i>Valuation</i>
1930		\$ 2,043.60	
1935		2,138.96	
1936	470	2,419.26	
1940	507	3,239.96	
1950	728	9,564.42	\$255,200.00
1954	778	14,356.76	324,440.00

The heavy motor traffic with automobiles and massive trucks taxes the durability of the highway and accounts for the increased cost of construction and maintenance. An average of 100 cars per hour pass a given point on Route 62 during a fair weekend. There was a count made at the West Berlin R.R. Bridge and crossing on September 11, 1936 that reported 2,440 cars passed this point in eight hours.

Telephone Service

It is said that Alexander Graham Bell, a professor in Boston University of 688 Boylston Street, invented the telephone in 1876, but it took over twenty-five years for it to move the thirty-one miles westward to Berlin.

The first public phones in Berlin were located in the three general stores of the Town. One at the Center, one at South Berlin, and one at West Berlin. These were connected to the Clinton exchange, and the wires were carried on the poles of the toll line extending from Hudson to Clinton along the B & M right-of-way. This system consisted of one wire and a ground, run on ground batteries. Every electric storm put it out of commission. It was operated by the Bell Telephone Company between the years 1882 and 1903.

The first private telephone used in Berlin was manufactured by Forrest E. Day, about 1900. It was a one-piece affair; that is, you spoke into and listened in the same receive-transmitter. Within the year he and his brother, Lewis, had constructed a six-party line. By this means six families on Wheeler Hill were placed in direct communication. Through this medium great comfort was administered to the elderly women of the community who could sit at home and converse with their friends two or three miles away.

When Mr. Day desired to extend his lines to the homes in Carterville, he met with an obstacle at the B & M Railroad crossing, and a more acute one at the trolley line, for they would not permit him to place his wires over or under their tracks; but through sheer stealth and ingenuity, he connected with the phones in residences of Carterville.

With this introduction, the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company felt that here was an opening for them, but Mr. Day would not sell out to them at this time. Nevertheless, the company arranged to locate a telephone exchange in Berlin. After securing fifteen subscribers, an exchange was set up in the residence of James W. Barter, on Carter Street (where Clifford Kent lives). This was in 1903, and Mrs. J. W. Barter became the first operator.

The exchange remained in the Barter family until April 1, 1919, when it was moved across the street to the residence of Mrs. Ella Jones. At that time there were ninety subscribers. Ralph L. Jones had charge of the exchange until December of 1939, when Mrs. Marion A. McCullough took it over and became the operator. Mrs. Blanche Bayer took over the operation of the exchange in December of 1944. After one year of service Mrs. Phyllis S. Warbin became the operator in November of 1945, and continued in this position until October 28, 1951. On the aforesaid date Mrs. Nettie A. Taylor took charge of the exchange and continued until replaced by the dial system.

The system expanded to a list of 340 subscribers, with a force of nine operators, which gave a continuous twenty-four hour daily service. Some thirty-three resident subscribers are connected on the Hudson exchange. In 1942 the open-line wires were replaced by a 350-pair wire cable, thus giving the chance for additional phone connections. This is also a central for time signals, fire alarms, and air raid warnings. Within the past two years (1954-55) a new, larger cable, and other equipment have been installed preparatory to shifting over to the dial system, which took place on April 25, 1956. Direct Distance Dialing, a new fast method for dialing station-to-station, long distance calls, became effective on Sunday, November 15, 1959.

Almost simultaneous with the introduction of the telephone into the homes of Berlin was the advent of the phonograph—

the type that held the record on a cylinder sleeve. Forrest E. Day tells of a jovial prank that was played upon Paul A. Randall by the use of a combination of the telephone and the phonograph back in the early 1900's. A record of a military band was slipped onto the phonograph at the home of John L. Day. Then he called Mr. Randall on the phone, and when he answered, the music began, whereupon Mr. Randall dropped the receiver and rushed to the window to see the parade coming down the road. After much anticipation, he was informed that the music was coming over the telephone wire. He declared that this was incredible, and refused to be convinced.

Yet, within less than a quarter of a century, sound came into the homes in Berlin, not only over the wires, but by "wireless"—the radio. Soon this was followed with the television. Many homes in Berlin, on the hills, have good reception without an outside antenna. They tell us that the day is near when you may see the person with whom you are conversing over the telephone. Practical commercial color television has also been developed.

Electric Light and Power

Soon after the establishment of the telephone service in the Town, the people became interested in securing a better method of illumination and power service. The first move to install electric lights, as a means of illumination, was presented in an article of the Warrant for the March Town Meeting of 1908, which was "to see if the Town will vote to install electric lights in the streets and Town House."

The action under this article resulted in the appointing of a committee, who reported at the meeting called for August the 14th. There, it was voted, on motion of Charles H. Allen, "that the Selectmen, with the addition of Ira G. Dudley and James D. Tyler, be authorized to contract with the Marlboro Electric Company for the lighting of the streets in Berlin for a period of five years." At the same time it was voted to leave the matter of lighting the Town House in the hands of the committee, with power to act. Evidently the committee did act favorably, for a bill of \$193.40 appeared in the report for the year ending February 1, 1910, for wiring the Town Hall, and \$58.80 for lights in the

Town Hall, in addition to \$568.38 for street lights which was paid to the Marlboro Electric Company.

The electric street lights were turned on in January of 1909, and it was voted at the Town Meeting of 1910 "that the old (oil) street lamps be given, by the Selectmen, to those who will erect and maintain them by the road-side, near their home."

Very few houses were wired for electricity during the first five years for the current was not practical for general use. There was only one circuit. Street lights and dwellings were on the same line, and the current was on only between dusk and midnight, so if one wished to go into the cellar or some dark place during the daytime, it would be necessary to resort to the old lighting method, a candle, lantern, or oil lamp; or, if one wished to use any electrical appliance, such as an iron or washing machine, it became necessary to perform this task at night when the current was on.

In 1914 the townsmen sought a new contract with the Marlboro Electric Company for reduced rates, and an all-day service. The new contract was signed in 1916. Since then more and more homes have been wired, until all of the residences have electricity and have installed electrical appliances. In fact, one of the first moves toward the construction of a new house is to have electricity installed, which is essential for the operation of power tools and lighting.

Under date of April 20, 1938, the Public Utilities Commission granted a permit to the Worcester Suburban Electric Company to absorb the Marlboro Electric Company, which was serving customers of Berlin, Bolton, Marlboro, Northboro, Southboro, and Westboro. To date (1955), service bills are paid to the Worcester County Electric Company, through their office in Marlboro, for this territory. The bulk of the power is bought of the New England Power Company, but in an emergency they have the option of connecting with other systems. The facilities have been modernized so that Berlin receives constant and dependable service.

Water Supply System

There is no municipal water supply system in the Town of Berlin. Yet, the Wachusett Aqueduct of the Metropolitan District

Water Division passes through the Town from the western-center of Boylston line, southeasterly to a south-center point in the Northboro line. This aqueduct consists of 1.16 miles of tunnel and 2.20 miles of covered construction, making a total of 3.36 miles, which occupies a section of 49.82 acres. Work on this conduit began in 1895 and was completed in 1898. It is fed by two reservoirs.

The Wachusett Reservoir, completed in 1906, impounds 63 billion gallons of water and the Quabbin Reservoir, situated twenty-five miles to the northwest, has a capacity of 415 billion gallons. The gates to this connecting tunnel were opened on September 17, 1941. So, there is a head of 478 billion gallons to supply a daily flow of approximately 155 million gallons, passing through Berlin, to supply the thirsty of metropolitan Boston. It does seem that they could supply Berlin with a few gallons for fire protection.

A pumping station located near the North Brook at Linden Street, opposite the Worcester Suburban Electric Company's transformer station, could be connected to the aqueduct, which is within 450 yards. The advice from the Worcester County Extension Service to the Committee on "Community Life in Berlin" was to look into the possibility of connecting with the aqueduct.

When the aqueduct was constructed, they destroyed some springs of the Barnes Hill section which supplied water for the houses of the West Village. S. Rolla Carter was a member of the Board of Selectmen and his property would become a heavy loser in this event. At any rate, these homes became connected to the aqueduct, which service was continued until around 1944 when the pipes had become so badly clogged that the system was abandoned. Artesian wells were driven, which has become the customary and necessary method of securing a water supply.

Some data on this system of the Water Division of the Metropolitan Reservoir may be opportune. Preliminary work for determining the site of the Wachusett Reservoir began in August of 1895. This involved the evacuation of over 2,000 persons from their 510 homes scattered through the towns of Clinton, Boylston, West Boylston, and Sterling. When cleared for a sanitary basin, there was an area of 6.44 square miles, or 4,125 acres. The shore

line is 38.66 miles in length, the extreme width is 2.05 miles, the length is 8.25 miles and the greatest depth is 129 feet. The area of the watershed is 118.25 square miles.

Construction on the Wachusett Dam began in June of 1897 and was completed on February 27, 1906. It is built of stone laid in 1,322 carloads of cement, with an elevation of 207 feet. It tapers from a 185 foot base to a 22½ foot top, mounted by a promenade of 964 feet in length. The main dam is 911 feet long, with a waste weir of 452 feet which takes a 107 foot spill, and extends east as a core wall 53 feet long.

The Wachusett Aqueduct conveys water from the Wachusett Reservoir to the Sudbury Reservoir (in Southboro), a distance of twelve miles. This consists of two miles through rock, seven miles of masonry and three of open channel. In December of 1939 the three miles of open channel was confined into a fourteen foot diameter pipeline. In September of 1940 fifteen more miles of tunnel was completed, thus bringing the waters from Southboro to Chestnut Hill, where it connects with several supply junctions for the Boston Metropolitan District. In 1948 the tunnel over the Assabet River at Northboro was transferred to a sub-river tube, but the seven 29.5 foot span bridge was retained.

In the making of the Quabbin Reservoir the Metropolitan District Commission took 80,000 acres and gulped down ten villages and towns, two lakes, one hundred miles of highway, fifteen miles of railroad, hundreds of camps and summer homes and scores of cemeteries. This body of water covers 39 square miles, is dotted by 106 islands and has 118 miles of shoreline. Quabbin is estimated to be the "world's largest man-made domestic water supply reservoir" (Donald F. Williams, *Gazette Sunday Magazine*).

Several natives of Berlin were associated with the construction and maintenance of these engineering projects. Arthur Hastings served on the Board of Selectmen during the period of the construction of the tunnel of the aqueduct and a force of special police (including George W. Barnes, George H. Carpenter, Lemuel D. Carter, Henry A. Wheeler, Theodore Guertin, Isaac Holbrook, and Arthur L. Brewer) were busy keeping order and tranquility among the Italian and Negro laborers at the shafts in Larkindale.

Even more prominent was the position of Christopher S. White, son of Daniel A. White and Ellen, daughter of Christopher S. Hastings, of Pleasant Street, who surrendered his office as Postmaster and General Manager of the General Store (at the Center) in December of 1895 to become Assistant Superintendent of the Wachusett Division of the Metropolitan Water System, which position he held until retiring in 1933.

Another former native of Berlin associated with this Commission was William N. Davenport, son of William J. Davenport and Elmira G., daughter of Rufus Howard of Pleasant Street, who became Secretary of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, which position he held for twenty-five years, including the entire period of the construction of the Wachusett Reservoir.

Furthermore, Charles S. Knight, son of George W. and Lettie A. (Whitney) Knight (formerly of Carter Street, Alvin Walker house) started on his career with the Metropolitan Water Works Commission as a special police at the construction of camps of the Aqueduct in Berlin in 1895. On April 9, 1938, he was the representative for the Metropolitan Commission in charge of the evacuation of the inhabitants of the Town of Enfield, preparatory to the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir.

Another feature of interest was the relocation of the tracks of the Massachusetts Central Railroad (B & M). Formerly the line proceeded due west from the L. D. Carter (or John Niedzial) house of Boylston Street, to the South Clinton station (which is now submerged in the Reservoir). To change to its present position, four and one-half miles of track were laid in a north and west course, parallel to West Street and passing through a 1,133-foot tunnel and thence over a 921-foot steel bridge across the Nashua River north of the dam.

It was reported (December 13, 1957) by Harold J. Toole, Water Director of the Metropolitan District Commission, that work on the construction of a \$20,000,000 rock tunnel would begin during the summer of 1958. This tunnel, penetrating rock 200-300 feet below the surface, will pass through Berlin connecting the Wachusett Reservoir with the Hultman Aqueduct in Marlboro. Its capacity of 600,000,000 gallons per day would double that of the present aqueduct. This work is now under way.

CHAPTER VII

AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES

The Town of Berlin has been classed as an agricultural community. Originally, that was the purpose of its settlement. The early settlers devoted their time to clearing the land, hunting, trapping, and farming. There are 8,320 acres of land in the Town, of which 7,557.24 are assessed. This entire territory was owned by a few priority grantees.

Among these we find John Houghton, who acquired a tract of 337 acres of "Third Division Hill," 200 acres of which was in Berlin, comprising the entire northwest section of the Town. To the west of this was the Philip Larkin estate of 144 acres and to the east were the John Moore possessions, which later became the estate of Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., known as "Wheeler Hill." Then, to the extreme east, Stephen Gates owned 314 acres on which the Fosgates settled.

To the south there was the John Houghton, 3rd, parcel of 137 acres, which he sold to Benjamin Bailey in 1718. This he enlarged until it included Berlin Center, and extended from Sawyer Hill on the east to Barnes Hill on the west. The Johnsons established themselves to the south of the Bailey lands.

North of the Johnson grant and east of the Bailey lands, the Jonathan Wheeler estate of 362 acres was located. This embodied the territory from the Elizabeth (Assabet) River on the south to the Sawyer clearings on the north, and touched the Gates property on the east side.

It was upon these grants that a few of the descendants began to settle in the early 1700's. Their purpose was to earn a living upon the land, but they learned that they must be more than farmers. It became necessary for them to provide for all of the necessities of life—food, clothing, and shelter. Thus they were

woodsmen, carpenters, masons, blacksmiths, and general mechanics. The womenfolk not only cared for the house and the meals, but they must also provide for the clothing, the soap, and the candles.

If a farmer wished to prepare grain for feed or food it became necessary for him to carry it to a mill. The nearest was Prescott's "Corne Mill," located on what is now Water Street, Clinton, west of West Street. Prescott's "saw mill" was located a few rods upstream from the grist mill. But, if one preferred to get his lumber from Thomas Sawyer, he would find his "saw mill" in the Deer Horn District of Lancaster near the Four Ponds. It was not until around 1735 that the Century Mills of Bolton began their operations as "ye corne mill and ye saw mill."

In a few years, as the settlements increased, the tasks of the farming population became diversified. There was more specialization. Saw and grist mills, blacksmith shops and potash plants were located on Berlin soil. Carpenters and masons worked at their trades, at least as a part time job. Traveling tradesmen became customary, such as those who would abide in the home while they fitted the family with shoes, clothing, or other commodities.

As one reads the various histories of Berlin, we find that it is listed as an agricultural town. Peter Whitney of Northboro states in his *History of Worcester County* of 1793 that "The most valuable uplands (of Berlin) are seated on the several hills, which afford excellent pastorage and orchards." Barber's *Historical Collections of Massachusetts* of 1848 record the following lines concerning the Town of Berlin: "The most valuable uplands in the town lie on the several hills, which are excellent for grazing and a suitable proportion of it for tillage. This is entirely an agricultural town. Large quantities of hops are annually produced here."

From the C. F. Jewett & Co. *History of Worcester County* of 1879 we glean these encouraging words: "The whole people were homogeneous. They owned the farm which they cultivated. The business of the people in all generations has been principally in the agricultural line. In 1875, there were 6,918 acres of land under crops, orchards, woodland and unimproved land. Only 110½ acres are counted as unimprovable. There are 209 dwelling

houses in the town, 117 of which are connected with farms. There are about 14,000 fruit trees and vines. The value of domestic animals was \$42,000. Agricultural products were valued at \$91,000. The income of the inhabitants is much larger than the value of the products of their labor, as their money is invested in stocks or in business conducted elsewhere."

Our native historian, Rev. William A. Houghton, paints this pleasing picture in 1895: "The town is distinctively agricultural, and the great variety of soils within its borders renders the town well adapted to horticulture and mixed farming. The hills and uplands are rocky and have a deep black soil suitable for grazing. These are moderate elevations and suitable for cultivation on their summits. The central plain and valleys are comparatively free from stones; the soil, a sandy loam, is adapted to the growth of cereals."

The farm picture for the Town of Berlin is generally similar to that of the "State of the Yankee Farmer" for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. "At first glance, it would seem unlikely that agriculture could possibly be either important or prosperous in a highly industrialized state. The fields are all too often rough, small and stony. Labor costs are high. Basic items, such as grain, have to be shipped here from hundreds of miles away at great expense. The federal program, instead of helping the farmer, actually hinders him by subsidizing high grain prices for the benefit of the Midwest and Southern farmers—and then adds insult to injury by taxing him to support the program. Yet, despite these seemingly monumental disadvantages, agriculture in Massachusetts (including Berlin) is flourishing as never before."

In the address of George F. Story, Manager of the Worcester County Extension Service and Worcester County Agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, before the Berlin Board of Trade on March 23, 1942, said: "Since the farmer is limited in his ability to produce in large quantities due to the shortage of labor and the inability to secure material equipment, it resolves that when the public feels the burden of the need of food supply, it will be necessary for the Government to create *priorities* for the material equipment for agriculture similar to that in other lines of industry."

Making agriculture its prominent occupation, the question

arises as to what does Berlin produce? The general crops are such as are suitable for the support of the livestock and household needs. These products are enumerated in fragmentary records of 1792. This reveals that nearly a ton and a half of good hay was produced on the acre. The annual production of rye was 300 bu., oats 400 bu., corn 1200 bu., and 250 bbls. of cider were made.

This routine of farm production continued up to 1830-40. From about 1840 to 1860 hop culture became a leading cash product. The late Henry A. Wheeler said that his father had received as much as \$300 for a single load delivered in Boston. This annual crop amounted to \$2,000.

Another crop which paid well between 1880 and 1900 was asparagus. Berlin was considered second only to Concord in the amount raised in the State. This brought as much as \$15.00 for a crate of two dozen bunches, says Mr. Joseph Schartner. From the items of the *Berlin News* edited by Perry A. White (1888-1893) we are informed that "The farmers began cutting their asparagus (May 7, 1890) and are shipping it to Boston, where it sold for 75 cents a bunch. Eighty-four boxes were shipped from the Old Colony (N.Y. N.H. & H.) Railroad Station on May 8th, and ninety-seven boxes were shipped on June the 2nd. Hobart Lasselle made two or three trips to Marlboro each week and Jacob Boyce took a load to Clinton twice a week." Arthur Hastings and George Bowers were in asparagus production as late as 1914 on their respective farms.

The strawberry season was another prosperous time for the Berlin farmer. The growing of this berry is an item of production with some farmers in recent years, but less profitable than of yore. The *Berlin News* reports in their issue of June 1890 that "G. W. Kallon picked his first box of strawberries on June 11th, which was a week later than usual. By the 25th, he had picked fourteen bushels from his field." Several farmers had a field of strawberries as late as 1935, but lately it is not profitable to compete with the Southern producer.

The products of the orchards (apples, peaches, and pears) for which the soil of Berlin is well adapted, were quite remunerative. Albert Jacobs states that his father has received \$400 for a load of 100 baskets of peaches delivered to the Boston market. Large orchards of peaches were maintained by Charles E. Sladen and

Edward L. Collins on the "Stone House" farm, the Potas Brothers of Randall Road, and Benjamin Marble on Ball Hill Road. Myron S. Wheeler of Summer Road had a large variety orchard, mostly apples.

One of the largest apple orchards in Berlin (yes, in eastern Worcester County) is the Chedco Farms Inc. In 1922, Charles E. Cotting purchased of Charles G. Schirmer 104 acres on Sawyer Hill, with buildings. This included the original twenty-seven acres which Dea. Josiah Sawyer cleared for settlement in 1735. This estate has been christened Chedco Farm, Inc., using syllables of his name. To the original purchase Mr. Cotting has increased the acreage by buying neighboring farms until the estate covers over 500 acres. It stretches from the shores of Gates Pond, westward over the slopes of Sawyer Hill to the bounds of Walnut Street; and from the southern borders of the former L. W. Brewer farm northward into "Hog Swamp." Central Street, Sawyer Hill, and Brewer Roads traverse its acres.

Mr. Cotting proceeded to clear these lands of stones and brush, and drained the same where needed, so that the wilderness blossomed into fields of hay, feed crops, and orchards. The hill-side acres were set out in thousands of apple trees until the number mounted to over five thousand. The orchards cover one hundred acres. Macintosh is the leading crop. Other varieties are Baldwins, Delicious, Portland, Graveston, and Greening. These produce an output of around 40,000 boxes per season. Their large storage plant employs ten or more persons during the harvest period. Another feature of improvement that is employed upon this farm is that of reforestation. In 1936 5,000 young pines and spruce trees were set out.

Since about 1905 farming has resolved itself into a system of specialization. The most general type is that of the dairy farm. A good second became hog raising. Other animals produced are sheep, poultry, and turkeys. Truck gardening and flower culture are conducted on some of the farms, and it oftentimes happens that two or three of these products are raised on the same farm.

Local Dairy Farming

Dairy farming has fluctuated since the opening of the twentieth century. In 1890 the Assessors reported 589 cows and 157

neat cattle. This number gradually declined so that the report for 1927 was 412 cows and 76 neat cattle. About this time industry began to slacken; headed for the depression of 1930, and several Berlin farms ceased to function as such. Nevertheless, there are some twenty dairy farms still in operation, ranging from six to thirty-five milk cows. From the farm census of 1941, a report on 308 cows of these herds produced 2,070,747 lbs. of milk. We dare say that owing to the advancement in the methods of milk production, these 308 cows produced a much larger yield than the 589 cows reported in 1890. Herewith is a chart of the number of cows reported by the Assessors through a period of years:

Year	1890	1902	1910	1920	1927	1937	1941	1950	1955
Cows	589	534	511	440	412	451	308	382	389

Some of the more prominent dairy farms are operated by Chester and Alice Cole of “Lotta Rocks Farm”; Everett Wheeler and Frederick Wheeler of Highland Street; George Sargent of Randall Road; John Niedzial of Boylston Road; Albert Wheeler of Derby Road; Joseph Roseberry and Hermon L. Sawyer of Linden Street; Willard H. Wheeler of Pleasant Street; Mary Risi and Danford B. Tyler of River Road; and Walter D. Stratton of Gates Pond Road.

Chedco Farm, “where Charles E. Cotting . . . has created, within the past thirty-four years, one of the finest dairy and fruit farms in this Commonwealth.” The chief interest of Mr. Cotting is in the raising of an improved breed of Guernsey cattle. He maintains a herd of between forty-five and fifty. These are bred for size and production. Each cow that is tested for a record has to be milked three times every day during the period. *Moonbeam*, one of the test cows, has a record of 11,986 lbs. of milk and 750 lbs. of butterfat, which was within three pounds of the world record when taken. Her daughter, *Moonlight*, has a record of 13,433 lbs. of milk and 738 lbs. of butterfat. *Wisteria Ruth* has a record of 17,348 lbs. of milk and 882 lbs. of butterfat.

These choice cattle are housed in a large (75 x 40 ft.) substantial dairy barn which is finished with polished cement floors, and the walls are sheathed and coated with the best grade of valspar.

The quarters are kept clean and sterilized, which impressed a visitor from the Island of Jamaica to remark that it “surpasses any of the (British) government dairy farms on the island.”

The products of these numerous dairy farms were collected, pasteurized, bottled, and distributed by several different firms; namely, Holder’s Milk, Small’s Milk, Fillmore, Harriman’s Milk Dairy, Whittings, Hood, and Cummings. Gradually, one by one, these collectors and dairies went out of business, and turned their business over to a central pasteurizing and bottling station in Worcester. There were two dairy plants in Berlin: Holder’s Dairy on Gates Pond Road and Small’s Dairy on South Street. Holder’s went out of business in 1946. Myron R. Small converted the buildings of the Theodore Guertin blacksmith shop into a modern dairy plant in 1925, but discontinued the use of this equipment in 1952. Small’s Milk is still distributed from the central station in Worcester. Whittings and Lee are other distributors.

The poultry business has fluctuated over a period of years. The following record will show this variation in number of fowl assessed:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Number</i>	
1895	4780	1925	9363	
1900	3602	1930	12930	
1905	4200	1935	10028	
1910	5680	1940	5560	83,600 doz. eggs
1915	770	1950	18024	
1920	5320	1955	8005	

The price of eggs also varied with the market. During the years of 1916-18, the price was as high as \$1.25 per dozen and the average dealer shipped three to four crates per week. With thirty dozen per crate we see how the poultrymen could build up their bank account. But when the market price gets down to 39-42 cents per dozen, as in 1955, you can see why so many go out of the business. Between the years 1935-1942 there were around twenty farmers engaged in the poultry business. Among these John Bernardson and Richard Mungeam maintained a hatchery. By the year 1955 this number was reduced to about eight who maintain a sizable flock. Among these are Lionel J. Manseau, Walter Kivior, George Hale, George Sargent, Robert Guild, Carl

A. Barter, William-Everett Wheeler, Clifford Wheeler, and Dennis Murphy. Earl J. B. Schwartz had 1500 hens in 1949. The "Maple Farm Poultry" on West Street, operated by Lionel Manseau, is a large establishment equipped with modern furnishings and the latest mechanical devices for handling a large quantity of eggs and broilers.

Turkey raising was introduced in Berlin about 1927 by Brittan A. Jackson. Since the flock was dressed off and sold by the 1st of January, the Assessors did not have any report on these birds. Other dealers in turkey raising are George Hale and Carl Barter. Through the courtesy of a farm census in December of 1941 John L. Nutting reported a total of 2,685 turkeys. This was a report from five flocks, namely numbering 1400, 160, 175, 500 and 450 respectively. From the Assessors' report from 1950-1955 we have the following list of turkeys (by the year): 94, 94, 25, 38, 40, 40.

This does not give us a fair picture of the turkey production, for on the "1790 Farm" they dressed and sold 2,000 turkeys during the Thanksgiving-Christmas season of 1956. The 1790 Farm, consisting of approximately 150 acres, is located on River Road, through which the Assabet River meanders. The same is owned by Paul Arthur, and under the supervision of Joe W. Davis, where they grow and market the White Holland turkeys.

Dorset sheep are also raised on this farm. The sheep produce wool and breeding stock. Some are sold at live weight at the farm. There were twenty-three in the herd in December of 1956. A few sheep are kept on several farms. Waldo L. Wheeler of Summer Road generally had a sizable herd. The Assessors reported the following sheep:

Year	1870	1892	1902	1912	1922	1933	1942	1952	1955
Sheep	97	8	3	43	17	13	22	27	35

The raising of hogs for the market was another business which was introduced among the Berlin farmers in the early 1900's. A report of 4,500 pounds of pork was listed for the year 1792. The first record of swine in the Assessors' report was made in 1902 when thirty-seven were listed. The number mounted to eighty-one in 1907; then there was a gradual decrease until 1922, after which there was a gradual increase. This is accounted for by the

number of pig farms. Roy P. Marble of Linden Street was the principal grower of hogs, having been in the business since the fall of 1924. Others interested in this branch of farming were: Brittan A. Jackson of West Street, Edward Martineit of Carr Road, and Walter J. Allen of Linden Street. In 1938 eighty-five swine were assessed, and in 1944 the number was 104.

These hogs were fed principally on garbage collected in neighboring towns and Worcester. When a bill was passed requiring the cooking and processing of this feed, the hog farms were abandoned. So the report of swine now refers to privately-owned stock and the killing is for private use. So that when we read that twenty-two swine were reported in 1942, but the Inspector of Slaughter reported 176 dressed swine, we may understand.

Within the past half century the growing of flowers and early garden vegetables under glass has been carried on by a few of the farmers. Willis Rice introduced this system of growing early crops in greenhouses in 1880, on his place on South Street, later followed by A. D. Brewer. A neighbor, William S. Eager, to the south but opposite side of the street, also raised flowers and early vegetables in greenhouses. Arthur L. Brewer of Walnut Street conducted an early vegetable and florist business in greenhouses. The same was bought and enlarged by C. M. Field & Co. in 1925, and they are in business to date. As early as 1889 Wheeler Brothers (Samuel and Henry) were engaged in raising special crops in their greenhouses on Sawyer Hill Road. The business has been continued at the "Old Wheeler Homestead" by Clifford H. Wheeler (grandson of Samuel). The greenhouses of Samuel Wheeler on Sawyer Hill Road, were purchased by Kenneth M. Pierce in 1937, but the buildings were wrecked by the hurricane of September 21, 1938. They have not been completely restored, but Mr. Pierce intends to re-establish the business as soon as conditions permit.

Specialization in truck gardening has been conducted by Charles J. G. Hubbard of Randall Road, Foster Brothers of Sawyer Hill Road, Waldo L. Wheeler and Myron S. Wheeler of Summer Road, John L. Nutting of Derby Road, Lester R. Maynard, and A. D. Brewer of South Street. All of the above gardens have been discontinued. The more recent gardens are conducted by William L. Foster and Ernest L. Wheeler of Randall Road, Wil-

liam E. Wheeler and Everett Wheeler of Highland Street, Eldon C. Wheeler of Pleasant Street, Clifford H. Wheeler of Sawyer Hill Road, and Louis V. Rowe of Fosgate Road.

Berlin Mushroom Inc., conducted by Elio E. Bellucci, began operations in 1940 in the large brick building on West Street, the former power house of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Co. The windows were bricked in to make it dark, and a ventilator was installed with a dormer along the ridge of the roof.

Mushrooms are raised from spores, which are planted in beds of specially prepared soil. The principal ingredients of this soil are loam and horse manure, proportionately mixed, in the "old car barn." The interior of the building is fitted with a series of racks (frames) spaced about three feet apart and running the whole length of the room. Upon these racks are tiers of growing beds just wide enough so that the tender can reach halfway across, and spaced vertically about two feet above each other.

After the gathering of the crop, the soil is completely changed; but there is a rotation of crops by sections, so that all is not changed at the same time. To remove the old soil, a truck is backed up to the opening and the refuse is passed out in baskets. To refill the beds, the process is reversed—a truckload of prepared soil is transferred to the beds by baskets. The marketable product of mushrooms are placed in small covered baskets and put in cold storage until a truckload is ready. The load is taken to the Boston market, generally at night, so that they will be ready for the early market. The annual output from forty beds is estimated at 25,000 baskets.

Several agencies participate in the interests of agriculture and home economics for the Town of Berlin. These are broken down from the Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics of the State of Massachusetts into University of Massachusetts, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Worcester County Extension Service with its divisions of Extension Service in Agriculture, Home Economics and 4-H Club work. At each Annual Town Meeting, under an article of the warrant, a sum is raised and appropriated "for county aid to agriculture"—and for the support of demonstrating work in agriculture, home economics, or boys' and girls' club work under the supervision of a director.

The following program is presented for Home Department of

Berlin for 1957 by Director Mrs. Daniel Plastridge of Sawyer Hill Road: Community Meals, Make Entertaining Easy, Adding Life to Your Years, Keep It & Fix It, Home Improvement Tours, Landscaping Tours, and Use Your Freezer Wisely. Boys' and Girls' Clubs have been formed with special interests in sheep, poultry, cows, vegetables, flowers, cooking, mat making, etc.

Through the courtesy of the Worcester County Agricultural Agent we have received some pointed recommendations for the improvement of rural conditions. To quote—"Some farms (in Berlin) are not being operated and others not operated to capacity. Recently a number of milk producers were dropped by local milk dealers. Because this milk must now be sold on the Boston markets, the gross receipts of milk on these farms is considerably less than formerly." These conditions and the required pasteurization of the milk has reduced the number of dairy farms.

Another subject presented was that of forestry. To quote: "There are about 4600 acres of woodland in Berlin, mostly in ownership. Over 3000 acres of this woodland is in stands of inferior hardwood trees, or in mixed stands of softwoods and inferior hardwoods. Over 3600 acres of woodlands are in trees between 20 and 40 years of age. The soils are capable of raising both softwood and hardwood trees of good quality. It is recommended that good forestry be put into practice." No longer is wood needed for fuel, but good building material is in ready demand.

In the year 1940 the Worcester County Extension Service instituted a survey of the rural life of Berlin through the work of a fifteen-member Town Rural Policy Committee to serve (1) in appraising local conditions, (2) in determining local needs and (3) in making recommendations for action. A summary of the assets and liabilities of Berlin as reported by the committee is quoted here. "Berlin has advantages as a residential and farming town. While not located on trunk-line highways and railroads, Berlin adjoins the populous industrial towns of Clinton, Hudson, and Marlboro, and is not far from Worcester. Good intersecting highways connect the town with important surrounding towns and roads.

"While it is a small proportion of the total Town area, the good farming land offers opportunities for both dairymen and

market gardeners, for whom nearby population centers serve as ready markets. Fruit growing can utilize both the better soil and the rough hill land, and constitutes an important item in Berlin's agriculture. Numerous poultry establishments have advantages both in nearby markets and good roads. All homes in Berlin have access to electrical service."

Clinton Courant March 10, 1954—Chester E. Cole of Highland Street was elected to a three-year term as a Supervisor of the North-eastern Worcester County Soil Conservation District.

December 28, 1956—Alice Cole of Lotta Rocks Farm, Highland Street, takes no back seat in handling Holsteins for production. A registered Holstein classified "Good Plus" produced 17,000 pounds of milk, 601 pounds of fat, in a 365 (twice a day) milking.

Early interest in the rural community was promoted by the organization of The Farmers' and Mechanics' Club on October 10, 1868. Their last annual cattle show was held in September of 1892. Their work was eventually absorbed by the Berlin Grange (Patrons of Husbandry, No. 134) which was organized on May 11, 1886. This organization, in conjunction with the Berlin Parent-Teachers' Association, has done much to restore the interest in rural community life by conducting the Annual Community Fair and Old Home Day at the Berlin Memorial School and grounds. The first of these fairs was held on August 18, 1951.

Another organization which does much to promote and maintain a spirit of rural integrity is that of the Berlin Board of Trade, which came into being in 1916. M. Reed Tyler was the first president of the society (1916-18). As the name implies, the organization is all inclusive. That is, it covers a larger field than agriculture. Since, out of the 377 dwellings in Berlin, only eighty-four are classed as farm houses, it will be noted that a large per cent of the population is engaged in other trades, industries, business, or professions. So, the Board of Trade exists to enlighten and entertain its constituency in the various lines of interests: social, sports, travels, and industries.

Other Industries

A by-product of the land, the forests, furnishes a convenient transition from agriculture to industry. Wood was the principal

fuel material, and down to the time of the installation of oil burners, several persons were engaged in supplying fuel-wood.

The report of the *Industry of Massachusetts* for 1855 accredits Berlin with 64,500 feet of lumber valued at \$818, and 880 cords of firewood valued at \$3,175. Also, in the year 1865 it gives the value of boards planed at one planing mill at \$15.00 per 1,000, and for three sawmills—425,000 feet of Lumber at \$6,375 and 75,000 shingles valued at \$225; also 550 cords of fire wood and bark for market, value \$2,475.

In order to handle the products of the forests, there were: sawmills, sash, blind and shingle shops, cooper shops, tanneries and basketmaking shops. Most of these industries are enumerated in Houghton's *History of Berlin* (pp. 90-97). But, suffice it to say, that of the fifteen or more mills and shops located along the course of the North Brook and its tributaries, there is one sawmill still in operation (the Wheeler Mill of Pleasant Street), although they do not depend on water, but electrical power. The Philip Larkin sawmill was located on the west fork of the North Brook (on the south side of Snake Hill) about 1735. The Felton-Babcock Saw & Grist Mill located on the North Brook at West Street in 1756 was in operation in 1912 and later.

The sawmill and lumberyards of the late Sidney W. Wheeler are located in South Berlin on the North Brook where William Goddard built the dam and mill in 1752. In 1875 Willard M. Wheeler bought the mills and operated them. He was followed by his son, Edmund W. (1854-1938), and then his son Sidney W. Wheeler (1887-1951) took over, after returning from the operation of sawmills in France during World War I. Since his decease the business is operated by Prino Bonazzoli.

In Hurd's *History of Worcester County*, published in 1889, Berlin is accredited with about thirty cooper shops which were busy converting the oak and chestnut of the forests into beef barrels, rum barrels, and cider barrels. "Many a two-horse barrel rig started at midnight for Boston." Besides these, many smaller containers such as churns, pails, "piggins," and "noggins" were made.

Basket-making is not listed among the industries of Berlin in Houghton's *History*, but in Hurd's *History*, "Basket-making, employing three men, is listed as its largest business." There were at

least two persons engaged in this business, namely, Rufus Howard (1805-1865) of Pleasant Street and George Howard (1819-1900) of West Street. There is in the possession of George R. Spofford a paper of agreement, dated November 17, 1847, in which Samuel Spofford "agrees to furnish Rufus Howard with all the timber and stuff suitable for the manufacture of baskets (from date until April first next), and all the baskets manufactured from the stuff—are to be delivered to said Spofford, and said Howard is to receive a fair compensation for his work." George Howard manufactured baskets at his shop on West Street at a later date—until about 1875. Many baskets of various styles and sizes produced in these shops are found in homes of the town and exhibited at public fairs.

The Berlin House

In 1778 Levi Meriam bought of James Goddard, Sr., a tract of eighty-four acres in that section bounded by Carter and West Streets, and built thereon a house in the year 1780. This building has become known as "The Berlin House" with varied characterizations. His son, Jonathan D. Meriam, Esq., followed on the homestead, and became the first stagecoach driver and the first Postmaster of Berlin in 1828. He died in 1850, and the Town bought the property at auction, in 1855, to be used as a Town Farm. This was sold again in 1857 by lots.

The house was purchased by Peter O'Toole of Clinton in 1885 and converted into a hotel. During his ownership, a long list of proprietors conducted their business here. Finally, around 1922, Walter A. Wheeler bought the property and made it into a tenement. The present owner is Mrs. Freda L. Spielvogel.

In contrast with the connotation of "road-house," this house was the residence of an Italian artist, G. D. Carafa, in 1882-83. We are indebted to Mrs. Effie (Merrill) Gale for this information, who remembers his daughter as a schoolmate of hers and furnished us with an itemized list of provisions which he purchased of her father's (John A. Merrill) store in 1882 and 1883. D. G. Carafa is listed with the taxpayers of Berlin in 1882. Mrs. Gale recalls going to this house and seeing some of his works of art.

The walls of St. John's Church of Union Street, Clinton, are decorated with twenty-four large paintings depicting "scenes from the Life, Passion, and Death of Our Divine Lord." The records impart that these were executed by Mueller of Munich and the Church was dedicated by Bishop O'Reilly on June 27, 1886. As with most contractors—they receive credit for the work that the workmen do—so in this case, Mr. Carafa assured us that he did work on these paintings in St. John's Church.

The "Howe Tavern"

Solomon Howe married Sarah Stow (both of Marlborough) on May 19, 1802. The following day they came to Berlin and resided in the Bullard House until their tavern was built, into which they moved and set up business in the following year. Sarah Howe was one of those practical women who kept an account of her time and emotions, which has been passed on to posterity in her journal. To gain a background of some of the activities that transpired under that tavern roof, we may refer to her journal.

The records speak of weaving, baking (one entry mentions a baking of thirty-eight pies), quilting, braiding straw, tending store, posting books, churning, cheesing, soapmaking, candle-making (one entry records nineteen dozen candles). "A tinker comes mending tins and brass; the tailoress and dressmaker were called in, and a woman to clean."

There was at the Inn much coming and going. The Meeting-house was used for Town Meetings as well as religious assemblies, but any public social life centered at the tavern. An entry for December 30, 1818 reads: "Have had 221 travelers the past year to victuals, 175 to lodge, not including the public times and the balls." This was several years before the more traveled days of the stage coach. Under May 25, 1819, the following notation is made: "Making arrangements for the ball, seventeen couples. —Had a good many spectators to see them."

At the opening of the twentieth century (or following the year 1895) there were at least five stores in the Town of Berlin. One at the Center, one in Carterville, two at the South and one at the West Village.

The store at the Center had its origin in the "Howe Tavern" at the corner of Central and Pleasant Streets in 1803. The same was moved to its present location, on Central Street opposite Carter Street, in 1852. It was then under the management of R. S. Hastings. He was succeeded by Riley Smith, E. S. Moore, and Christopher S. White, who sold out to H. E. Lasselle in 1895. Following him there has been a long procession of proprietors, including W. H. Lasselle, Perley B. and George H. Sawyer (Sawyer Bros.), Zoheth H. Woodbury, and E. Guy Sawyer.

In the year 1925 James E. Andrews and N. Harriman Fay purchased the business, which became known as "Andrews and Fay." When Kendall E. Andrews took over J. E. Andrews' interest, in 1928, it still continued as "Andrews and Fay." On date of September 1, 1936 Robert E. Taylor bought the interest of N. H. Fay in the firm and it was christened "Andrews and Taylor," until the decease of Kendall E. Andrews in 1948. From this date until December 29, 1954, Robert E. Taylor was the sole proprietor and manager of the "Red & White" Store.

Following the decease of R. E. Taylor, the ancient "Hartshorn" property changed hands through its purchase by Carl B. Devine, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell K. Hawkins purchased the general store business from the estate of the late Robert E. Taylor. On November 14, 1955 they took charge of the "Berlin General Store" where they are operating the enterprise under a self-service, cash and carry system.

The store in Carterville, located on the corner of Carter and Highland Streets, was owned and operated by John A. Merrill. This building was built by Luther Carter in 1846. The first floor was occupied by his son-in-law, Ezra Moore, husband of Lucy Carter, where he operated a general store. Thomas Pollard, another son-in-law, husband of Persis Carter, was in business with Ezra Moore about 1856. Lewis H. Barnard, a third son-in-law of Luther Carter, husband of Hannah Carter, manufactured shoes in the same building on the second floor over the store. Pliny B. Southwick and Josiah Moore, brother of Ezra Moore, bought out L. H. Barnard in 1848 and continued in the shoe business until 1872. At a later date the second floor was made into a tenement.

Samuel M. Fuller, who lived in the next house north of the store building (where Silas Bacon now lives), succeeded Ezra

Moore and Thomas Pollard in the general store, and finally sold out his stock of "Flour, Meal, Grain, Choice Family Groceries, Crockery, Confectionery, Patent Medicines and all articles usually found in a grocery store" to John A. Merrill, December 20, 1875. This imposing list of stock was taken from a billhead of the general store of Samuel M. Fuller, and the same type of merchandise was carried by John A. Merrill after he took over the operation of the store. John A. Merrill married Laura E., daughter of Ivory Carter (son of Luther Carter) on April 9, 1851.

This was typical of a country store of the times. In the center of the room was a stove placed in a box of sand and surrounded by a number of chairs where men would gather on evenings to talk or have a social game of cribbage or checkers. Seventy-two dollars a year was paid to Mr. Fuller for rent until January 1879 when the building was purchased by John A. Merrill. He continued this store operation until 1914, when he had an auction and sold out.

In 1923 the property was sold to Clifford H. Barter who changed this first floor from a store to a residential apartment, making the building into a two-apartment house. An additional wing was built on the south side, and in this room of the first floor James W. Barter conducted a men's clothing supply for around five years. He died April 24, 1936. In October, 1948, the property was sold to Hall Rayner.

In South Berlin Arthur B. Wheeler began the operation of a store on South Street (across from the John Bernardson place) in 1907. Mr. Wheeler was deceased November 24, 1925, and Mrs. Jane M. Wheeler continued with the store until 1927 when Mrs. Jessie A. Bernardson became Postmaster.

The Village Store of South Berlin, conducted by Willard H. Wheeler, has a varied history. The present building, at the junction of Pleasant and South Streets, is the third on the original site of the Hastings Brothers Store. Two previous buildings were destroyed by fire. The present proprietor is a grandson of Arthur Hastings, who was in partnership with his brother Ruthven Hastings. Hastings Brothers sold out to John E. Walters and H. E. Lasselle in 1890. Walters-Lasselle sold the business to N. Harri-man Fay, which he operated until 1925 when he became a partner with James E. Andrews at the Center. He then sold his

business to Joseph A. McCabe. Within three years (1928) the building was destroyed by fire and the site stood unoccupied until 1937. During this year, N. Harriman Fay purchased the property and constructed a building thereon and set up in the store business. Willard H. Wheeler took over the business and became the South Berlin Postmaster in December of 1946.

Mr. Wheeler also conducts the Village Farm Supply, Inc. of Pleasant Street. This is a business which deals in heavy modern farm machinery, equipment, and supplies. Near-by is the Village Garage, convenient to the patrons of this section of the town.

In West Berlin there was the voluminous business of Silas R. Carter. He built for himself a store on West Street (across from the "Old Colony" R.R. Station) in 1870. This business was enlarged and continued by his son, S. Rolla Carter and estate until 1919. S. Rolla Carter having died January 29, 1913, and his father, Silas R. Carter, on August 15, 1917, the business was continued under the management of Mrs. Nellie C. Carter for two more years.

Besides the goods of the General Store, the building housed the Post Office and the Ticket and Telegraph Office of the "Old Colony" branch of the New Haven Railroad. Across the street, adjacent to the railroad tracks, were the buildings and sheds which housed the grain and coal supply. Here was a supply of coal, grain, hay, and general farm supplies, such as tools, hardware, cement, roofing, seeds, paint, etc. On the grounds, at the pond, were two icehouses and the old Barnes "Saw and Grist Mill."

They had three teams on the road, driven by George G. Pierce, Frank K. Wilder and James D. Lockhart, to fill the orders for grain, commodities and coal. Their trade accommodated a territory including parts of Northboro, Shrewsbury, Boylston, Bolton, and the Acre section of Clinton. To take orders and deliver goods from the General Store, there was another team driven by Walter A. Sawyer.

When the Carters closed out, the Post Office was transferred to the home of Charles F. Harris at the corner of Lincoln Road and West Street. Mr. Harris was engaged in a job printing business and continued here until he sold the property to C. Archie Bowen in 1924. The Bowens held the Post Office and conducted

a commodity store, but the printing outfit was sold to William S. Eager of South Street. The ticket and telegraph office was moved over to the railroad station, and George H. Carpenter became the Station Agent.

The grain and coal business was taken over by the J. Cushing Co., Inc., which was superseded by the "Farm Service Stores, Inc." in 1933. In 1944 the business of the Farm Service Stores of Berlin closed up and was transferred to the Hudson office. The buildings were leased by the Wallace Grain Company of Clinton, and McCann Bros., for storage.

The abandoned icehouses appealed to the McCann Bros. as an opportunity for a good investment. So, during the summer of 1919, they bought the buildings and water rights, and that winter they cut and stored ice from the pond. The following summer they began the manufacturing of ice cream on a commercial basis under the trade name of McCann Bros. Ice Cream.

They enlarged the plant and installed modern machinery. By the year of 1938 they proclaimed themselves to be "the largest ice cream manufacturing company in New England, using modern methods of instant-frozen ice cream." (Quote from Festus L. and Owen J. McCann). A fleet of twenty-three trucks were engaged in delivering their product to distant points throughout New England where they had planted their stores. These ranged from Williamstown (Mass.), Brattleboro (Vt.), Nashua (N. H.), and Boston, to points in Connecticut and Rhode Island. They made fifty mixings of 1000 gallons per week.

Since the decease of the original founders of the firm, their trade name has been changed to "Lovely Farms" Ice Cream. The freezer units from the various discontinued stores have been recalled and stored in the grain sheds awaiting their disposal. The trade is confined to the local area.

What became of the Carter General Store? There was a succession of owners for short periods. Herbert C. Estabrook (1920), William H. Pinney (1921), William Milligan (1924), George A. Colson (1925), and finally Alphonse Plamondon purchased the property and business in 1929. He, with Mrs. Adeline G. Plamondon, carried on the store until about 1942 when it gradually closed down.

Ralph L. Harriman built and established his Dairy Ice Cream

Stand on West Street, opposite the Berlin Mushroom Company, Inc., in 1939. Here he manufactures a variety of ice creams and confectionary, and offers to the public a complete line of dairy products.

Ice Business

Correlated with the fuel and heat supply is that of the ice business. Before the advent of electric refrigerators, a great many farmers cut and stored their own ice to be used for cooling and keeping milk and food, but there were some who made it a business to cut, store and deliver ice.

Chief among these were the Hale Bros. (Charles F. and George W.), who operated their business until around 1950. They formerly cut their ice from the Wheeler Pond of South Berlin and stored it in the icehouses there. But, in 1927, they built and located at the Coburn Pond on West Street. During the heavy freshets of the spring of 1950, the dam gave way and the pond was drained. There was no purpose in restoring it for most of their customers had installed electric refrigerators.

Brittan A. Jackson also conducted an ice business between the years of 1925 and 1946. He handled manufactured ice and had installed a large refrigerating unit so that he could store ice for the next day's delivery. There was the argument that natural ice lasts longer than manufactured ice; but to demonstrate that manufactured ice is purer and clearer, Mr. Jackson procured a cake of ice in which a spray of roses was frozen which could be clearly seen.

Hartshorn's Patent Medicines

One ancient industry which is worthy of consideration is that of Hartshorn's Patent Medicines and Extracts, which are still on the market. Dr. Edward Hartshorn received his diploma from the Medical College of Harvard University in 1840, and he immediately began his practice in Berlin where, up to 1855, he was the only physician in this locality.

In 1850 he began to prepare a patent medicine which met with increasing popularity. He took Dr. Lemuel Gott into partnership

with him in his practice in 1855. However, he soon decided to sell his practice to Dr. Gott and devote his full time to manufacturing his medicines and flavoring extracts.

His business increased so that eight large wagons were required to distribute his goods. These gay-colored wagons bearing the inscription "Hartshorn's Medicines & Extracts," drawn by fine black horses, were as welcome to the farm housewife in his day as the Rawleigh man of the present generation. When the business outgrew its Berlin "Pill-Box" (as the Berlin factory was called), he moved his headquarters to Boston (1870). He continued to maintain his summer home in Berlin until his death on July 26, 1906. In 1895 the property was purchased by his son, William H. Hartshorn, who also continued in his father's business and made Berlin his summer residence. He died in 1926 and, upon the disposition of the estate, this residence (at the corner of Central and Pleasant Streets) was purchased by E. Guy Sawyer.

Rawleigh Products

For several years (1925-1956) the pleasant, congenial, courteous personality of Raymond F. Stone, the Rawleigh Agent, was a welcome visitor to the numerous households of Berlin. For here he dispensed the various products of good health from his store-supply of West Street. Mrs. Sylveia E. Stone continues to carry on the business.

Other Industries

During the past fifty years several industrial projects have been conducted in Berlin. Among these, there was the Stone-Craft Co., located on Carter Street in quarters of Berlin Cement Company, owned and operated by Arthur E. Bissell between the years 1916 and 1927. They manufactured a modern, smooth-finished cement "set-tub" which was customarily installed in the kitchen or laundry of the homes of that period. They employed as many as ten men, among whom were Carl L. Harris, Arthur H. Clark, Arthur P. LaPorte, Walter J. Allen, and Harold C. Hubbard.

After the removal of the business to Boston, Walter A. Wheeler

bought the property and fitted part of it up for a blacksmith shop, where Carl E. Perry and Selden MacNeil wielded the hammer for a time. Thereafter, Lemuel D. Carter purchased the property and used the building for grain storage, which business he conducted until his decease on March 27, 1939. Since then Earle A. Wheeler has purchased the property and installed therein the Wheeler Garage and Hudson Service Station.

Shoe Polish

Fred A. Boyd began the manufacturing of a shoe polish in his shop on Central Street, opposite his home, in 1912, and he operated this business until 1927, when the property was purchased by the Chedco Farms, Inc., and the building was converted into a storage house.

Recently (1956) shoe polish is made on the premises of John J. Sallinger, Pleasant Street. This location has an interest to the older citizens as the site of the original parsonage of the South Parish Church, occupied by Rev. Reuben Puffer and his successors, including Rev. W. A. Houghton. The present is the third house on this site. The original burned in 1894, and the W. Addison Hartshorn house was destroyed by fire in 1948 while occupied by Earl C. Morey. Mr. Morey had the present structure built the following year.

Shoe Making

The making of shoes was a familiar subject among the inhabitants of Berlin. Houghton's *History* states that, "Previous to the Civil War the town was dotted with small shops for bottoming shoes; in fact, nearly every other house had a room or shop in which shoes were made." The work in these shops was conducted in "teams." That is, each person performed a certain part of the construction of a shoe. Such operations were termed: bottoming, pegging, lasting, healing, and finally, trimming. The output of a five-man shop, said the late James E. Andrews, was around sixty pairs per day. The Industrial Report for 1855 gives 9,340 pairs of boots and 34,340 pairs of shoes valued at \$35,275 as the output of thirty-four males and twenty-four females.

In 1868 the citizens of Berlin consolidated their talents and built a large shoe factory at the corner of Walnut and Carter Streets. This four-story (30 x 100 foot) building, employing 300 hands, the pride of the community, was the John H. Parker Shoe Shop, operated by steam power. They made boys' and youths' shoes, Parker's rubber-upper leather-sole boot, and leather tops put on lumbermen's rubber overs. The value of shoe production for the year 1875 was \$150,000.

This building was burned on February 18, 1882, and operations were transferred to a building on West Street (now used as an engine house of the Fire Department). The firm transferred their business to Malden, Mass., in 1903. James E. Andrews became Secretary and General Manager, and a member of the Board of Directors. Cora A. Berry was employed as a bookkeeper. Both remained with the company until they closed up.

The natural result of the loss of this industry from Berlin was for those familiar with the making of shoes to become employed in the plants of Hudson and Marlboro.

Fold-Well Table Company

In 1931 Leon H. Cummings, of Ware, purchased the property of George W. Lewis on Central Street and began the manufacturing of a special design of an ironing table. The business was known as the "Fold-Well Table Co." He installed machinery which placed the production on a commercial basis, and maintained a large truck for delivering their products to the market. He closed out his business in Berlin in 1945 and returned to his native town.

George W. Lewis had made ironing boards and clothes reels on the same location between 1921 and 1931. He moved his business to River Street in Hudson after selling to Leon H. Cummings.

Coldwell's Inc.

Percy R. Coldwell established his building contractor business in 1905 with headquarters at his residence on Central Street, east of the General Store. In connection with his contracting business

he built up building supply stores, so that he would contract and supply the material—from the digging of the cellarhole to the finished house, with much of the furnishings.

During the prosperous years, between 1922 and 1930, he carried a force of some thirty-five men, who represented all phases of the building trades. Among the local men who were employed were:

CARPENTERS	PAINTERS	MASONS
Walter M. Allen	Clifford H. Barter	Charles Houston
Cecil B. Wheeler	Frank A. Pierce	Charles H. Bliss
Lloyd L. Wheeler	Arthur F. Sawyer	Elmo Gardner
Raymond W. Cole	Harold C. Hubbard	Albert Bosselman
Lester G. Ross	John W. Bosselman	F. A. Krackhardt
Ernest B. Coulson	Harry M. Bosselman	
Adelbert E. Coulson	Richard W. Bosselman	ELECTRICIAN
David S. Tyler	Alfred S. Wheeler	Emerson W. Wheeler
Stanwood A. Puffer		
		PLUMBERS
		Charles A. Fromant
		Ralph G. Davis

Besides the above, there was James Jones and Elwin Jacobs, who manned the trucks which delivered the building materials to the jobs and the trade. These trucks were also used in conveying the building materials from the freight cars to the yards and storage buildings.

Around the year 1944 Mr. Coldwell ceased to do contract work and devoted his attention to building up a larger building stock business. His former employees became independent contractors. The business became incorporated as COLDWELL'S INC. on December 31, 1947. The office and stock in trade have become modernized. The yards and buildings cover over three acres. Percy R. Coldwell was deceased October 15, 1948, and the business is carried on under the management of his sons, Norman S. and Robert B. Coldwell.

Some of the modern general contractors are:

- G. Bonazzoli & Sons, General Contractors in Excavation and Landscaping.
- Roy Estabrook, Concrete Cellars, Foundations & Floors.

Gordon W. Taylor, Barnes Hill Road, Excavation and Landscaping Machinery.

Brandt Bros., General Contractors.

Lester Sarty, Pleasant Street, General Contractor.

Delbert Kuehner, Summer Road, Contracting Carpenter and Construction Engineer.

Risi's Cement Blocks

Around the year 1940 the Risi Bros. of River Road began the making of cement blocks on the premises opposite their residence, at the junction of South Street with River Road. This is on the location of what was lately known as the "Newsome Place" which was in the John Brigham estate, one of three farms of Marlboro added to the South Parish of Bolton in 1784. The original house burned in 1895. The Risi Bros. have increased their business to include: concrete and cinder blocks, mason supplies, sand and gravel, sheet rock (rocklath), overhead doors installed, and insulation.

Garages and Filling Stations

One of the oldest and largest garages of the Town is that of Earle A. Wheeler, known as Wheeler's Garage. Earle, under the tutelage of Forrest E. Day, began tinkering with auto-cars in the shed back of Ethel Sawyer's house, corner of Central and Linden Streets, around 1918. He opened a garage in the building of the former Parker Shoe Shop on West Street in 1919. He continued operations here until 1953, when he sold the same to the Town to be used in the enlargement of the Fire Station for the storage of their new fire apparatus. At this time he established his garage in the quarters of the late L. D. Carter's Grain Store on Carter Street.

Mr. Wheeler is also sales agent for Hudson cars and has a used car yard east of the Town Barns on Carter Street.

Dick's Service Station—a station providing car service and minor repairs, located at the corner of West and Carter Streets, has been in operation since 1928. Clyde E. Rogers operated same between the years 1951 and 1957 when he sold to Benjamin and Edith Spaulding, at which time the name was changed to Ben's Service Station.

Benjamin H. Coolidge operated a garage and filling station on Central Street (Stone's Corner) of East Berlin between the years 1923 and 1938. The filling station was maintained by Mrs. Bessie Jacobs until 1940.

Van E. Miller had a filling station on Central Street in East Berlin for a short time between 1927 and 1941.

There were gasoline pumps located at all of the stores in Town at one time. In the year 1940 permits were granted to seven stands to store gasoline; but in 1955, the Village Store of South Berlin was the only store maintaining a pump. The pump at the Center General Store was discontinued in 1941; that at the Farm Service Store in 1942; A. Plamondon in 1937; and Cyrus A. Bowen in 1951.

Fuel Oil Service is conducted by Blinky's Oil Service of Crosby Road, Glendon H. Blenkhorn, proprietor. Also Hill's Oil Service of Randall Road, conducted by Carl W. Hill. Wesley J. Guerard, South Street, was for many years a distributor of bottled gas.

Radio and Television

The people of Berlin keep abreast with the times. Not only is it a common practice to have a radio or television in the home, but sales and service stations have been established. Around the year 1950 Maurice O. Wheeler opened the Wheeler Radio and Television Sales & Service Station at his residence on Gates Pond Road. Recently (1956) he has transferred his business to Hudson. Following him, we have the announcement of the Acre Radio & Television Service conducted by Thomas Fielding of Gates Pond Road, a neighbor to Mr. Wheeler.

Insurance and Real Estate

Tatman & Park of Worcester, offering insurance of all kinds, is represented and managed by E. Guy Sawyer and Ellsworth G. Sawyer of Central Street. Bertha C. Bridges of Derby Road carries insurance of all kinds (life-automobile-fire). Ann's Antique Shop and Real Estate business is conducted by Ann Burke of Central Street. The Larkindale Real Estate Agency is conducted by George G. Badger of Boylston Road.

Germain's Meat Wonderland

In 1954 Paul A. Germain opened a meat market at his residence on Lancaster Road at its junction with Randall Road. His services became so popular that he decided to relocate nearer to the center of Berlin. Whereupon he purchased property on Carter Street opposite the Town Barn and excavated and constructed a large commodious building in which he housed his modern type supermarket.

Germain's Meat Wonderland was opened to the public on July 23, 1959. Ample parking space is provided and the store carries a complete stock of food and household commodities.

The building also provides a room for a barber shop where Earle Sanford conducts his trade between Monday and Saturday (except Wednesday).

Mickey's Shop of West Street, operated by George E. Blanchette, is a place where lawnmowers are sharpened and repaired. It is also a station for servicing and sale of outboard motors.

Recent Industries

Several industrial business projects have been conducted in Berlin within recent years. Among these is the Berlin Remnant Store, which was a storeroom where a stock of remnant goods was displayed for sale. This was located on South Street and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Featherstone, and later by Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Featherstone, between the years 1944 and 1952. Following this date the business was sold to Mrs. Stephanie D. Hopfmann and moved to her residence on Linden Street.

A unique business was that of the Peggy's Doll Clothing Company conducted by Mrs. Margaret Temple of Gates Pond Road between the years 1949 and 1953. The cloth for these doll clothes was received, cut and stamped, ready to be made up. Many of these outfits were taken into homes to be made up. An average production amounted to 500 dozen suits per week. Mrs. Temple continues to make these doll clothes privately.

Another modern production is that of the Nancy York Com-

pany which originated with Ruth Morland in March 1956 at the residence of Natalie Bernardson Wheeler, South Street. This is a process of hand silk-screen printing upon linen towels. The design is in the screen and there is a screen for each color. Only one color is printed at a time, and generally thirty-two impressions are made at one setting, and this must be repeated for each color used in the design. These printed towels are sold to the trade, including such outlets as R. H. Sterns of Boston, Barnard, Sumner & Putnam of Worcester, and Old Sturbridge Village.

One business related to clothing was that of the Berlin Cleaners operated by Harold M. Warbin of West Street. Harold had been in the trade since 1952, and advertised under the slogan "If it can be cleaned—we do it." "We also repair shoes."

An industry of "no mean standard" is that of the Artcraft Woven Label operated by Frank W. Potas of Randall Road. He began operations in a new cement block building in 1947. He now (1956) has four looms in operation with an output (depending on the various sizes of labels) of 10,000 to 50,000 labels per day (of eight hours). The pattern design (in the Jack Card) is furnished by the customer.

In conclusion, it should be noted that Berlin is a rural residential community. Although at times it is classified as an agricultural town, records show that only about ten per cent of the dwellers are engaged in pure agriculture (or farming). The following list will show the ratio:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Dwellings</i>	<i>Farmers</i>
1935	271	40
1942	283	38
1955	377	25

The majority of those residing in the Town are engaged in other industries as their principal source of income; yet their employment, as a rule, is not in the Town of Berlin, but in the neighboring industrial and commercial centers of Clinton, Hudson, Marlboro, and Westboro; also in the cities of Worcester and Boston. Here they apply their various trades, professions, or abilities.

CHAPTER VIII

SOCIAL INTERESTS

The social life of the community of Berlin was confined to that fragment of time and energy that remained after provision had been made for shelter, food, clothing, and rest for the family. During the early days of the Town's history (1779-1812) their social life was principally associated with the Sunday services. For they practiced the rule that "Six days shalt thou labour . . . and rest the seventh day."

This custom was diversified with an occasional party in the evening—after the chores were completed and preferably after the harvesting season. Gradually the relation of the earning time and recreation time have shifted so that the day is divided into three parts. That is, eight hours for earning, eight hours for sleep and the remaining eight hours for recreation or social life.

Social life has become a necessary factor within every gathering or organization. Thus, we observe that the church, school, patriotic, business or recreative organizations have their social aspect, and these assemblies have become so numerous that, since 1952, there has been printed and distributed a Community Calendar listing the various meetings day by day and hour by hour. To enumerate all of these meetings would require a volume so we must confine our records to the more general gatherings.

Among these early places of congregating was "Ye Jones' Inn," built in 1749; followed by "Howe's Tavern," built in 1803. In the year 1779 the First Meeting House of the South Parish of Bolton was erected. Besides the weekly Sunday meeting for worship, there was the annual town meeting, which occasion was observed as a holiday with a mid-day feast. In Mrs. Sarah Howe's diary of May 25, 1819, she describes the preparation for Election Day and the Election Ball, and relates that two pigs were prepared

for roasting, two legs of veal, and one loin. Twenty-eight pounds of flour were used in making the Election Cake, besides a loaf and pound cake. Seventeen couples participated in the ball.

The annual muster, or regimental training, was a great occasion in those old days. Every town in Worcester County had its militia. These companies came together in some central town of the group, and were followed by all the old military officers, idle men and boys, big and little, belonging to the towns in the military association. Horse-jockeys, showmen, and peddlers crowded the procession on all the roads and filled the place of muster with life and din. The military drill and evolutions thrilled the boys with wonder, while the veterans who had "seen service" criticized the "awkward squads." These were as much of a gala day as the Firemen's Muster of our modern day.

The Berlin Lyceum

The social life of Berlin took on a more intellectual aspect in the form of the Berlin Lyceum. The first Lyceum was organized on November 28, 1831. This was a favorable response to a notice posted at Howe's Tavern on Tuesday of November the 22nd, which read: "Persons desirous of forming a Lyceum are requested to meet at the Town House in Berlin on Monday the 28th instant at 6 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of organizing and making the necessary choice of officers.

Signed—

John Bartlett, Merrick Houghton,
Asa Sawyer, and William A. Howe

Thirty-seven men signed the constitution during the first year and paid their annual fee of twenty-five cents. The objects of the Lyceum were the improvement of its members in useful knowledge, and the advancement of education in the community. This was to be accomplished by readings, discussions, debates, and dissertations. Subjects were debated with great zeal and zest on such questions as: "Ought the Indians to be forcibly removed beyond the Mississippi?", "Are females capable of as high a degree of mental improvement as males?", "Ought the privilege of acquiring an education be shared equally by male and female?",

“Ought the rights of citizenship to be longer withheld from the females?”

Many social and civic questions were debated. Among these were: “Ought the government to aid the Colonization Society to establish the colored people in Africa?”, “Can the people of colour be raised to an equality with the whites in this country?”, “Ought the general government immediately to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia?”, “Ought Abolition Societies to be encouraged?”, “Does the profits of the use of tobacco counterbalance the evils from the use of the same?”, “Ought the traffic in ardent spirits to be abolished by law?”, “Does the newspaper press, as now conducted, advance good morals?”, “Ought capital punishment to be abolished?”

To assist the members of the Lyceum in securing data for their debates, discussions, and lectures, a library was established in 1837, supported by subscriptions from the members. The last entry in the minutes of this Lyceum was made on December 28, 1841. Prominent among its members were Josiah Bride (principal of the Berlin Academy), ministers—Robert F. Walcott, David R. Lampson, Abraham C. Baldwin, Michael Burdett, Eben S. Clarke, and Robert Carver. Also, Dr. J. L. G. Thompson, Amory Carter, Dexter Fay, Daniel Holder, Pliny S. Southwick, William A. Howe, O. B. Sawyer, and Oliver Fosgate.

This organization was followed by a similar group in the South Berlin Lyceum, conducted in the South Berlin Schoolhouse. This group carried on until the outbreak of the Civil War. Their method of procedure was similar to that of the former, although they permitted ladies to take part in their discussions. Notable among its workers were: E. C. Shattuck, Solomon Jones, Nathaniel Wheeler, Lyman Morse, Amasa A. Whitcomb, and William Bassett. The Lyceum filled an important place at a time when public entertainments were rare.

Berlin Total Abstinence Society

Evidently the debates and discussions in the Lyceum on the temperance question resulted in the organization of The Berlin Total Abstinence Society which dated back to 1855. This organization had for its purpose the promotion of the cause of tem-

perance. The ministers and a host of interested citizens participated in their gatherings. Public meetings were held on the third Sunday evening of each month, rotating among the three churches of the Town and, on special occasions they were held in the Town Hall with a well-filled house. The program consisted of music, singing, recitations, and addresses or lectures directed to educate the public on the moral and practical need of prohibition.

During the more active years of the Society, a program was arranged for the ensuing year. A typical program appeared in the *Clinton Courant* of November 3, 1900, as follows:

December	Congregational Christian Endeavor
January	Rev. George F. Pratt of Natick
February	Good Citizenship
March	Unitarian Y.P.R.U.
April	The Lyman School for Boys
May	Union Sunday School Temperance Concert
June	Epworth League of Methodist Church
July	Annual Meeting

This form of monthly meeting was continued until the time of the ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment, which became operative on January 16, 1926. In substance, this Article XVIII read as follows: "The manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited."

Following the enactment of this article, the interest in the Total Abstinence Society waned. A period of lethargy emerged. Some of the more pronounced advocates of a temperance program had passed from the active stage of life. Others became indifferent, and a group of modernists interpreted the Preamble of the Constitution—"to secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity" to mean that the individual has the privilege of doing as he pleases in these matters. Consequently, the program of the Temperance Society in Berlin died with the repeal of Prohibition, which became effective December 5, 1933.

John B. Gough

One of the outstanding factors in molding public opinion on the temperance question in Berlin was the personality of John B. Gough. His first visit to Berlin was soon after his reformation in Worcester in 1842, when he told a moving tale of his own experience.

He married Mary Elizabeth Whitcomb on November 23, 1843. She was the daughter of Luke Whitcomb of Bolton, who married Hannah, the widow of Welcome Barnes, in 1834 (Mary being fourteen years and five months of age at the time). They took up their abode on Derby Road, in the brick mansion which is now the residence of John L. Nutting.

The Gough's resided and maintained "Hillside" in Boylston, a farm estate supervised for the purpose of aiding those who desired to break the habit of intoxication. For many years thereafter Mr. Gough customarily gave a lecture at the church in Berlin in payment of his debt of gratitude for the strong, wise, and loving helpmate who stood by his side in the battle of life and helped so valiantly in his winning it. There is on file a ticket inscribed "Lecture by John B. Gough, Berlin, January 4th, 1884."

John B. Gough was buried in Hope Cemetery of Worcester and his monument bears the following inscription: For 37 years, the light and crown of his home at "Hillside" finished in a moment, while yet speaking at Frankford, Pa., his message of 43 years, and called to higher service, February 18, 1886. But his widow, Mary Elizabeth Gough, continued to do favors for the Berlin community, as well as for others, until she "Awoke in His likeness" on April 22, 1891.

The Belmont House, a tavern, which stood on the site of the residence of Ellsworth G. Sawyer on Central Street, was destroyed by fire in 1883. Mrs. Gough bought the property and built a house thereon, to be used for a parsonage, declaring that she was "determined that liquor should never be sold there again." The Unitarian Society bought the property from the Gough estate in 1891 and it was occupied as the parsonage until 1917, when purchased by Mr. E. Guy Sawyer.

It is attributed that Mrs. Gough gave the new bell of 1899 to the Church.

Women's Christian Temperance Union

Concurrent with the Total Abstinence Society was the Women's Christian Temperance Union which was organized on October 27, 1879 by Mrs. Emma Molloy with twenty-nine members. Its procedure was demonstrated when, early in its history it secured over two hundred signatures to a petition to the Selectmen asking that they endeavor to enforce the law against the illegal sale of liquor. They also circulated various temperance petitions and sent delegates to county, state, and national conventions. These *white ribbon* (symbol of their membership) ladies worked with the various church and temperance organizations in carrying out their public programs.

Among the prominent members of the Union were: Mrs. L. W. Brewer, Mrs. Bertha Cole, Mrs. Clara S. Eager, Mrs. Sarah H. Dudley, Mrs. Laura A. Taylor, Mrs. Adelaide R. C. Parmenter, Mrs. Carrie L. Woodward, and Mrs. Ella A. Hebard. All of these laid down their lives and labors among men, and since they were the backbone of the temperance movement in Berlin, due honor should be recorded for them. Their cause faded with the decline and death of the Temperance Society.

A little historical review of Berlin temperance social action might be opportune. There are those modern "jesters" who get a great "kick" out of the mere statement that the First Meetinghouse of Berlin was raised, in 1779, with "spike poles, rum and cider." And, in addition, that the Parish (a political unit) voted eight hundred pounds and instructed the Building Committee to use what was necessary for the raising of the Meetinghouse. This meetinghouse was a place of public assembly, as well as a place of public worship. It will be noted that no mention is made of "rum and Cider" in connection with the erection of the second meetinghouse of 1826; and, furthermore, it was not used for town meetings. These were held in private homes and schoolhouses until a separate town-house was built. The consensus of opinion was that a house of worship should not be defiled by the profanity and tobacco "squirts" of the indifferent.

Formerly Berlin had a Liquor Agent to dispense the “ardent spirits” to the thirsty public. The report for the year 1856 showed that the “Liquor purchased” amounted to \$328.14, and the amount received from sales was \$251.64, leaving a balance of \$113.20 on hand.

Given under the Selectmen’s report of March 3, 1856

Selectmen { Oliver Smith
J. E. Sawyer
E. S. Moore

The Liquor Agent’s report to the Town of Berlin, March 6, 1865

Dr. to mdse. sold Feb. 15th, 1864 to Feb. 15th, 1865 \$227.58

Cr. by cash paid for mdse.

Feb. 15, 1864-Feb. 15, 1865\$179.72

Cr. by Agent’s salary 25.00

Cr. by re-assessment on license 4.16

Cr. by errors on last year’s account 1.16

Cr. by postage06

Cr. by cash to balance 16.98 \$227.58

Respectfully submitted,

L. GOTT, Agent

Evidently Dr. Gott didn’t think the business paid for his troubles, so the next year we find Riley Smith had the Agency. Mr. Smith kept store at the corner of Carter and Highland Streets (where Hal Rayner now resides). His report is more enlightening than the previous ones. The report follows:

Feb. 15, 1866, the Town of Berlin had on hand as capital:

5½ gals.	Rum	\$13.92
2 “	Brandy	7.85
1½ “	Whiskey	6.03
2½ “	Alcohol	10.86
3 qts.	Gin	3.85
45 bottles	Porter	11.25
		----- \$ 53.76

The Town bought during the year:

6 gals.	Alcohol	26.62
10 “	Gin	46.20
36 “	B. Whiskey	136.50
59 “	Med. Rum	148.65
1½ “	Cog. Brandy	18.00
Anly.		3.53
Com.		27.21

Exp.	8.50	
2 books	2.00	
2 Brass Faucetts	1.50	
Paid for License	25.00	
Paid Agent's salary	25.00	\$468.71
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		\$522.47

Town Received:

Cash on Sales \$506.30

Liquor on hand:

7 gals. Rum	21.28
1 " 3 pts. Gin	5.90
1 " 1 " Whiskey	4.90
1 " 3 " Alcohol	6.00
32 bottles Porter	8.00
1 gal. 3 pts. Brandy	4.25
1 qt. 1 pt. Cog. Brandy	5.00
2 Books	2.00
2 Faucetts	1.50

\$565.13

Less Expenses

522.47

Net Gain

\$ 42.66

RILEY SMITH, Agent

Following the period of Liquor Agents, the Town incorporated a system of local option by which they placed an article in the Annual Town Warrant "To bring their ballots, Yes or No in answer to the question—*Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?*"

Under the Warrant of 1880 (Article 17) members of the W.C.T.U. petitioned the Town "To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen or Agent to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Berlin." The vote on the motion was seventeen to four in the affirmative. The following year (1881) under Article 16, "To hear from the Selectmen in relation to the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating drinks as instructed at the last annual meeting." Evidently the Selectmen were not prepared to give a favorable report, so it was voted "to pass over the article." Then, the following year, the Town accepted a verbal report on Article 16 (1882) "To

hear the report of the committee chosen for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating drink."

The next year (1883) Article 13: "To bring in their ballots of YES and NO to the question—Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," brought forth a vote of fifty-one no and two yes. The records for March (1885) show that Charles F. Hale was paid \$8.00 for seizing liquors.

The custom of inserting the article on "liquor license" in the Annual Town Warrant was followed until, and including, the Warrant of March 2, 1914; after which it was transferred to Article 1, being placed on the ballot for the election of Town Officers. The following figures will show the license vote over a period of years:

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
1905	7	80
1909	0	79
1910	3	73
1913	6	64
1923	24	105

The liquor question was dropped from the Town Warrant during the period of *Prohibition* (1926-1933). In the State Election of November 6, 1928, Berlin cast her vote on the following "Questions of Policy":

"Shall the representatives from this district be instructed to vote for resolutions requesting the President and Congress to take action for the repeal of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the U. S. known as the prohibition amendment?"

Yes	79
No	288

"Shall the Senator from this district be instructed to vote for a resolution requesting Congress to take action for the repeal of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the U. S. known as the prohibition amendment?"

Yes	79
No	294

The next change on the subject was in the Special State Election of June 13, 1933, after the repeal of the eighteenth Amendment, which was a YES or NO vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages?" The vote stood YES 47—NO 138.

The ballot for the State Election subsequent to the year 1942 presented the following three phases of the question:

- (A) Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines, and all other alcoholic beverages)?
- (B) Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?
- (C) Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

A tabulation of the vote on these questions will present the trend of public opinion in a changing social order.

<i>State Election</i>		A	B	C
Nov. 3, 1942	Yes	87	91	81
	No	241	228	225
Nov. 4, 1952	Yes	181	182	228
	No	402	393	364
Nov. 2, 1954	Yes	180	182	210
	No	363	349	315
Nov. 6, 1956	Yes	194	202	251
	No	435	419	388

Farmers' and Mechanics' Club—Grange—Tuesday Club

The social life in Berlin acquired more of a community interest after the men returned from service in the Civil War. The Farmers' and Mechanics' Club was organized in 1868 and continued until 1892. At the monthly meetings in the winter, agricultural subjects were discussed, while in the summer, field meetings were held at the various farms. The annual "fair and cattle show" was an institution long to be remembered. It was a gala day for the Town. Old residents and people from surrounding towns were present in large numbers. A marked and interesting feature of the show was the exhibition of fruits, flowers and artistic work in the Town Hall. Dinner was provided, at a moderate charge, in Central Hall of the Church; or, weather permitting, in a tent on the Common. After dinner speeches were always in order, and all the exercises were enlivened by the Berlin, or some other, brass band. The youngsters, with an al-

lowance of fifteen cents, enjoyed the festive collection of advertising cards, popcorn, ice cream and prizes. It was a gloomy day for the boys and girls when the curtain ran down on the Berlin Cattle Show. (From a paper presented before the Berlin Tuesday Club by Mrs. E. Hope Puffer).

The Berlin Grange, No. 134 Patrons of Husbandry, organized on May 11, 1886, embraces the principles of fraternity, practical education, and social advancement. By its application of these principles, it gradually supplanted the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club. It continues to the present time, fulfilling these functions of society and co-operating with other organizations to supply the public with the most modern forms of social life.

While the Berlin Lyceum was pondering over the question as to whether women were of equal intellectual capacity to men, the Berlin women were breaking the shell of prejudice; and, in 1898, the Berlin Tuesday Club was organized with Miss Mary J. Keyes as President. The object of the Club is educational, philanthropic, and social; the motto is "The aim, if reached or not, makes great the life." Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (October through April) at 2:30 P.M., in Central Hall of the First Parish Church. The subject of the speaker on the annual guest night of October 29, 1957 was "Men are What Women Make Them." Their programs cover a large field of activities, including: American Home, Art, Community Service, Drama, Education and Literature, Flowers, Hospital Service, International Relations, Music, Preservation of Antiques, Religion, Veterans' Service, Civil Defense, and Girl Scouts. These programs are coordinated with the respective groups.

The present membership (1957) is 101. The following persons have been President of the Berlin Tuesday Club.

Miss Mary J. Keyes	1898-1900
Mrs. Adele B. Wilson	1900-1902
Mrs. Sarah H. Dudley	1902-1904
Mrs. Clara M. Hubbard	1904-1905
Mrs. Ida J. Sawyer	1905-1907
Mrs. Harriet B. Allen	1907-1909
Mrs. Adelaide Parmenter	1909-1911
Mrs. Nellie F. Wheeler	1911-1912
Miss Lucinda H. Hartshorn	1912-1914
Mrs. Edith R. S. Sawyer	1914-1917

Mrs. Emma Littlefield	1917-1919
Mrs. Clara L. S. Eager	1919-1921
Mrs. M. Grace Sawyer	1921-1924
Mrs. Edith R. S. Sawyer	1924-1927
Mrs. Carrie W. Hoxie	1927-1929
Mrs. Hazel I. Wheeler	1929-1931
Mrs. Florence B. Brewer	1931-1933
Mrs. Ruth L. Brooks	1933-1935
Mrs. Mildred A. Bartlett	1935-1937
Mrs. Iva M. Popp	1937-1939
Mrs. Marjorie L. Coldwell	1939-1941
Mrs. Jeanette C. Andrews	1941-1943
Mrs. Eula H. Krackhardt	1943-1945
Mrs. Laura G. Nutting	1945-1947
Mrs. Catherine W. Davis	1947-1949
Mrs. Doris C. Eager	1949-1951
Mrs. Evelyn H. Wheeler	1951-1953
Mrs. Mildred A. Bartlett	1953-1955
Mrs. Barbara E. Lapan	1955-1957
Mrs. Harriet H. Field	1957-1959
Mrs. Louise F. Lockhart	1959

Village Improvement Society

At the turning of the century a group of pulchritude-minded citizens responded to the urge to landscape the center of the village. Thereupon the Berlin Village Improvement Society was formed and they held their first meeting in September of 1900. From that time until it disbanded in April of 1917, it contributed much to the well-being, safety, and attractiveness of the Town. A notation of the effects of their efforts appeared in the *Clinton Daily Item* of April 1902, which we quote: "A town man who recently had occasion to drive through Berlin was much impressed with the care which had been given the little common of the town, the edges of the road side, the plots of ground surrounding the public buildings, in fact all the little touches that only a village improvement society, with genuine interest and authority to go ahead and accomplish what seems best for general appearance and betterment can bring about."

This society raised much of the money, supplemented by appropriations from the Town, to construct the sidewalks about the Common and the placing of settees to accommodate the

customers of the trolley and bus service. There was also the improvement of Powder House Hill Park, with grading and steps to the summit. A nucleus fund for the public library building was raised and encouraged by a model of the proposed building on a float in the parade of the Centennial of 1912.

The Centennial Celebration of 1912

Berlin celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town on August 29, 1912. This celebration was prefaced by a Centennial Union Service held in the Congregational Church on Sunday, August the 25th at which Rev. Henry Hyde, a former pastor (1881-1885), was the guest speaker. The congregations of the three churches of the Town attended this service in large numbers, and their respective pastors—the Reverends Frederick T. Mayer-Oakes, Frank R. Gale, and Frederick A. Krackhardt—participated in the program.

In anticipation of this celebration, the Town took action at their Annual Meeting of March 4, 1912, under Article 16. At this time a Centennial Committee, consisting of Frank H. Crossman, Mary A. Bassett, Rev. Frank R. Gale, Arthur Hastings, and Truman P. Felton, was appointed. This committee was placed “in full charge, empowered to appoint the day and make all arrangements in relation to the same.” The Town appropriated \$200 to be raised by taxation for the use of the committee.

On the appointed day 1720 persons signed the guest book. From the arrival of the Leominster Band at 8:30 A.M. to the midnight dance, people from all sections of Massachusetts enjoyed all features of the program. At nine o'clock the parade formed at the Central School yard on Linden Street and proceeded to Central, around Carter to West Street, and thence to the grandstand before the Town Hall where it disbanded. The parade was in charge of Chief-Marshal George H. Carpenter who, with his aides, led the procession, followed by the Leominster Band, then the Selectmen and the Centennial Committee in cars.

The remaining order of the procession, which portrayed many interesting historic and fascinating features, was as follows:

1. The Old Stage Coach bearing the lettering "Berlin to Hudson."
2. "Farming in 1812" drawn by oxen.
3. Float bearing modern farming tools (these would be outmoded by the modern motorized farm equipment of 1957).
4. Float "Kitchen of 100 Years Ago" drawn by oxen.
5. Float "Modern Kitchen" with latest electrical appliances (again compare with 1957 models).
6. Float model of "Powder House" and soldiers of 1812.
7. Float of the "Grange."
8. Float of the "G.A.R." and allied societies.
9. Float of "Tuesday Club."
10. Float of "W.C.T.U." with motto "For God, home, and every land."
11. Float of the Berlin Tennis Clubs—Shanondasee, Kequasagansett, and Minne-wa-wa.
12. Float bearing a model of the "Library," the ambition of the Village Improvement Society. This was left standing on the Common for a number of months.
13. Float, The Lyman School for Boys.

The remainder of the procession was floats, carts, and wagons representing the business and industry of the Town. They were: Small and Paine's Wagon, Herman Holder's Milk, three teams of the S. R. Carter Stores, N. H. Fay of South Berlin, float of E. W. Wheeler & Son bearing a small house, and then the wagon of Hale Bros.

Dinner was served in the Town Hall at 12:30 to over 400 people. Rest rooms and lunches were available at the Methodist, Unitarian and Congregational church buildings. After dinner speeches were made by George L. Wright of Boylston, W. E. Parkhurst of Clinton, Hon. Elmer Potter of Worcester, and Rep. William S. Duncan of Clinton.

The historical address, delivered by Frank H. Crossman from the grandstand on the Common, was surcharged with historical data and seasoned with many an anecdote, and presented in a masterful way without script or notes.

At two o'clock Rev. Percy H. Eples of Worcester delivered the oration of the day in the Congregational Church. From three to seven o'clock sports were the center of attraction. A concert was rendered at the Town Hall at eight o'clock, followed by a dance, which concluded at midnight. The many "old timers" reported having a day long to be remembered. (With due regards to the

Worcester Daily Telegram, and records compiled by Frank H. Crossman, the Town Clerk.)

Board of Trade

Following the precedence of the Tuesday Club, the men of Berlin contemplated the formation of a Men's Club. Consequently, in the fall of 1914, the Rev. Herman F. Lion, then pastor of the First Unitarian Society, organized a Men's Club within his parish and M. Reed Tyler was chosen President. Within two years it had outgrown this circle and it was decided to make it a community organization. Thereupon, the Berlin Board of Trade was organized on September 25, 1916, with plans to meet in Barnes Hall of the Town Hall on the fourth Monday evening of each month from September through May.

The annual meeting and election of officers was held on the fourth Monday night in May at the John E. Rice Orchards in Marlboro. This system was changed at the meeting of July 22, 1940, when it was voted to amend Article 5 of the Constitution and By-Laws to read: "The Annual Meeting of the organization shall be held on the fourth Monday night of December of each year." Thus the current year now embraces the period from January 1 to December 31, with a recess during the months of June, July, and August. However, special meetings were held during the summer months in the years of 1940 and 1941.

For several years (to 1939) a Program Booklet was published giving the features of each meeting from September to May inclusive. On this program, Berlin was favored with many prominent speakers and entertainers. Among these were: Lieut. Governors Hon. William S. Youngman, Hon. Horace T. Cahill, Robert F. Bradford, and Hon. Sumner G. Whittier; Speakers of the House John C. Hull and Hon. Leverett Saltonstall (later Gov. and U. S. Senator); Representative Hon. Edith Nourse Rogers; Senator Thomas Johnson; Registrar of Motor Vehicles Frank A. Goodwin, George A. Parker, and Rudolph F. King; Sheriffs of Worcester County Albert Richardson and William A. Bennett.

Also, many departments of various interests were represented, such as: A. W. Gilbert, Commissioner of Agriculture, and George

F. Story, Worcester County Agent of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture; Lewis E. MacBrayne, General Manager Massachusetts Safety Council; Evan F. Richardson, Director of State Bureau of Animal Industry; A. Philpott of the editorial staff of the Boston Globe; William Summers, American League Umpire; Capt. Joseph J. Benoit, Recruiting Officer of Worcester County; and Horace A. Clark of the Boston Salvation Army.

The programs were varied by the presentations of descriptive talks on some of the local industries such as the Greenhouse business of Charles M. Field & Co., and that of Clifford H. Wheeler; Berlin Mushroom Co., Inc., by Allie E. Bellucci; and Maple Poultry Farm by Lionel Manseau. The interest in many industries in which men of Berlin were employed has been discussed by the members. For instance: the book manufacturing business of the Colonial Press Inc., of Clinton, was given by Leonard Burnett; the manufacture of plastic goods was described by Kenneth M. Pierce; and the insurance business of Tatman & Park by E. Guy Sawyer.

One prominent feature was the Annual Banquet and Ladies' Night held in the Town Hall on the night of their April meeting. The Board of Trade responds to the annual appeal for the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Christmas health seals. They sponsor the Berlin Boy Scouts. The same became a member of the Wachusett Council of Boy Scouts in 1931. Through the committee of the Board of Trade the annual drive is made for their subscription to the Council, and arrangements are made to aid some boys to attend Camp Wanocksett. The Board also financed a trip for 4-H boys and girls to Camp Farley.

Many projects in the interest of the community are sponsored by the Board of Trade. On May 24, 1917, a singular flag raising occurred on Powder House Hill when they supplied a new staff with flag, which was accompanied with the following ceremony: "Under the direction of Miss Florence Wilder, the school children sang 'The Star Spangled Banner,' 'Your Flag and My Flag,' and 'America.' The Reverends Charles A. S. Dwight and Daniel M. Welch rendered the devotions and prayer, and Rev. James W. Barter presented the new staff (pole) and flag in the name of the Berlin Board of Trade."

For several years they provided the community Christmas tree

which adorned the Common at the Center. They also encouraged the Boy Scouts to aid in maintaining the beauty of the Common.

During the summer months of the years 1940 and 1941, the Board of Trade introduced a new unique venture. They subscribed fifty dollars to build a bandstand on Sawyer's Field and engaged the Worcester Brass Band to hold band concerts once every two weeks. They also built a shelter house at a cost of \$296.96, plus the volunteer labor. This building covered the booths and had a (12 x 12) room for housing the equipment and supplies. The complete building was 24 x 48 feet, with a six-foot overhang.

In addition to the band concerts, there were field days. Such were conducted on July 4th (afternoon and evening) in 1940 and 1941, also on Labor Day in September of 1940. During these energetic years, the membership mounted to 150. The following persons have been president of the Berlin Board of Trade:

M. Reed Tyler	1916-1918
Lester R. Maynard	1918-1919
A. E. Bissell	1919-1921
J. William McCarty	1921-1923
Frank F. Dunfield	1923-1925
Rev. Louis G. Hudson	1925-1931
Lemuel D. Carter	1931-1933
Walter Cole	1933
George R. Spofford	1933-1934
Harris G. Field	1934-1936
Jerry S. LaPorte	1936-1938
Rev. Louis G. Hudson	1938-1940
E. Guy Sawyer	1940-1943
Rev. Louis G. Hudson	1943-1947
Ellsworth G. Sawyer	1947-1948
Earle A. Wheeler	1948-1949
Carl A. Barter	1949-1953
Rev. Louis G. Hudson	1953-1956
Glendon H. Blenkhorn	1956-1958
Arthur E. Chapdelaine	1958-

Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scout movement in Berlin germinated from a Boys' Club (the Knights of the Holy Grail) organized in June of 1910 by Rev. Philip A. Goold, then pastor of the Methodist Episcopal

Church. The original group consisted of sixteen boys, some of whom became Scout Masters in later years. A list of the members follows: Walter Burnham, Raymond Cole, Harold and Robert Taylor, Ernest and Eason Coulson, Ralph, Robert and Arthur Turnbull, Franklin Jacobs, David Tyler, Roy Keizer, Eugene Wilder, Clifford Wheeler, Leon Brewer, Walter Sawtelle, Wallace and Sumner Woodward, and Leland Maynard.

The majority of these boys were in the service of their country during World War I. After a period of readjustment and rehabilitation, the interest in the boys of America was resumed. It was during this period that Arthur E. Bissell, then President of the Berlin Board of Trade (1919-1921), interested a group of boys in the Scout work; and, on motion of Rev. Louis G. Hudson, the Board of Trade became their sponsors.

In the year 1920 Arthur A. Turnbull was chosen Scoutmaster of Berlin Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, with a group of seventeen boys. Ernest Paquette followed as Scoutmaster from 1925 to 1930, and he was succeeded by Merle Hunt, 1930 to 1932. The Berlin Troop 1 became a member of the Wachusett Council in 1931. Berlin is one of the fourteen towns of the Wachusett Council and is represented by Rev. Louis G. Hudson on the Executive Board. This Wachusett Council is composed of a group of volunteers who are organized to meet the Scouting needs of this area. They elect officers and appoint operating committees to serve this purpose. They provide the adequately equipped and staffed Camp Wanocksett. This camp is located in Dublin, N. H., on Thorndike Pond at the base of Mount Monadnock.

Edmond Hoxie was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge (the highest achievement in Scouting) in 1930; Charles O. Smith in 1937; and Larry White in 1955. At a public Court of Honor held in the Berlin Town Hall on November 16, 1957, Scouts Douglas Campbell, Robert Hawkins and Joel Plastridge received the Eagle Scout award. In addition, awards for Life and Star Scouts were presented to members of Troop 1. At an impressive service in the First Parish Church on Sunday, May 19, 1957, under the direction of Scout Master Norbert Haner, Scouts Clifton Wheeler, Douglas Phipps, and Peter Plastridge were presented with "God and Country" awards by Rev. John W. Linzee.

During the years 1933 to 1938, Oliver E. Smith was the Scout

Master with Charles E. Nutting as Assistant Scout Master, who took over in 1939. Berlin Scouts began attending the training at Camp Wanocksett during this period, and Charles O. Smith became a delegate to the World Jamboree held in Holland in the summer of 1937, on which he gave an interesting report before the Wachusett Council at their annual banquet and meeting held in Lancaster on December 7, 1937.

During the succeeding few years it seemed to be difficult to find any Berlin men who had the time to supervise the Boy Scouts, so Edward A. Boutillier of Leominster, Scout Executive, took over the situation. Eddie Weston and Edward Ross served as Assistants and Scout Leaders.

The supervision of the Berlin Boy Scouts has continued under the leadership of the following Scout Masters:

A. Eason Coulson	1942-1944
Willard H. Wheeler	1945-1946
Silas H. Bacon	1947-1948
Francis E. Underwood	1949
Lester F. Sarty	1950
Norbert Haner	1951-1957
Bruce A. Maxwell	1957

Ernest O. Wheeler has been an active supporter of the Scout program since coming to Berlin in 1936. So, at the Scouters Recognition Banquet sponsored by the Wachusett Council, held in North Leominster on February 15, 1957, he was presented with a silver Scouter statuette, accompanied by a citation, in recognition of his outstanding service to Berlin Boy Scouts over a period of more than ten years.

The Scouting program consists of three units. The Cub Scout Pack for boys between the ages of eight and ten, directed by Cub Masters, meet on the last Friday of the month at seven P.M. in Parish Hall. The Boy Scout Troop, composed of boys from eleven to thirteen years of age, meet every Wednesday in Parish Hall at seven P.M. under the leadership of the Scoutmaster and his assistants. The Explorer Post for boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen meets every Monday evening at seven P.M., directed by an Explorer Advisor. Thus, a Scouting program is offered for our youths from eight years of age to eighteen.

Girls' Clubs

Provision was also made for the social life and practical training of the girls in Berlin. The order of the Camp Fire Girls was started in 1913 by Mrs. George F. Matthews of East Berlin. Then Mrs. Marion C. Fromant conducted the Camp during the years of 1915-1919. During this period the girls went to a camp in Concord, Mass., for two summers. For a time the organization became dormant and its funds were given to the Berlin Library Building Fund. The work was revived in 1924 under the leadership of Mrs. Violet Turnbull and Mrs. Jeanette Andrews.

Due to the similarity in their field of endeavor, the Camp Fire Girls was superseded by the Girl Scouts. At a board meeting on March 11, 1947, it was recommended that the Tuesday Club sponsor the Girl Scouts in the Town of Berlin, with Mrs. Kendall Andrews as sponsoring director. The first meeting of the Girl Scouts was held on March 26, 1947. The Tuesday Club made an annual donation toward the support of the local Girl Scout organization. Miss Estelle Liberty became the first leader in October of 1947. She was assisted and followed by Mrs. Louis F. Lapan in 1949.

The Girl Scouts had charge of a meeting on the annual program of the Tuesday Club. They conducted a cooky sale to procure funds for sending members to Scout camp. From 1952 to 1956 the Girl Scouts held their meetings in a room of the Library building, and held a series of card parties to provide money to improve the room. Owing to the increase in membership (which was twenty members) they transferred to more commodious quarters in the Town Hall. In October of 1953 the Girl Scouts visited the Old Sturbridge Village and reported their trip to the Tuesday Club.

At the December 12th (1950) meeting of the Tuesday Club it was voted to sponsor a "Brownie" group of the Girl Scouts (age 7-10).

Miss Estelle Liberty resigned as leader of the Girl Scouts in November of 1950, and Mrs. Everett S. Walker was chosen leader with Mrs. Lester F. Sarty and Mrs. Laura Nutting as assistants.

Between the years of 1953 and 1957 there have been the following leaders and assistants:

Miss Mary Casey, with Mrs. Charles C. Deitmer and Mrs. Carl Phipps assisting.

Mrs. Deitmer, with Mrs. Carl Phipps and Helen Wheeler assisting.

Edith Nutting became leader, then Mrs. Marguerite M. Sallinger, assisted by Mrs. Miriam F. Coldwell.

The present leader (1957) is Mrs. Florence L. Hawkins.

The 4-H Club

The 4-H Club for Boys and Girls operates under a director appointed annually by the Town for promoting the projects of the Worcester County Extension Service in agriculture and home economics. A Berlin 4-H Club was organized in 1914 by Miss Marion C. Copeland (Mrs. Marion C. Fromant). After the adoption of Chapter 128 of the General Laws of 1918, the Town (in Feb. of 1920) appointed Mrs. Marion C. Fromant as Director; and for the next twenty-five years (including 1944) she was annually chosen for this position. Ruth I. Allen served during the year 1945. Mrs. Louise F. Lockhart has been appointed Director, annually, since 1945.

The motto of the 4-H Club is "To Make the Best Better." Their pledge is:

My HEAD to clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service and
My HEALTH to better living
For my club, my community and my country.

A large field of projects is offered to the boys and girls during the year. These vary over a period of years, but all projects are given with the goal of making better citizens. These cover projects in clothing, sewing, foods, cooking, canning, child-care, home improvement, crafts, woodworking, garden work, feeding, livestock, cows, horses, poultry, sheep, goats, rabbits, and food preservation. There has been a gradual increase in interest and

the number of pupils has soared from thirty-eight in 1952 to seventy in 1956.

In order to carry on this work, the Director had the assistance of helpers—Miss Alice L. Cole, Mrs. Eleanor T. Plastridge, and Mr. E. O. Wheeler. The program of the 4-H Club has been augmented by the Young American Club which was organized of pupils from the seventh and eighth grades of the Berlin Memorial School by Principal Raymond A. Plotczyk in 1951. In the year 1953 the Superintendent of Schools reported that they were pleased to welcome two part-time teachers, namely, Mrs. Elizabeth Gustafson, who teaches home economics for the girls, and Mr. E. O. Wheeler, who conducts a woodworking class for the boys. Thus the Junior High School program co-ordinates with the 4-H course of projects.

Berlin Youth Council

In order to provide for community activities for the post-Scout group of teenagers (14-18), preferably the high school pupils, a few public-spirited persons considered an organization. The inception of the Berlin Youth Council was sponsored by the Parish Men's Club of the First Parish Church. At their meeting of January 13, 1953, they secured Mr. James Sumner, director of the Arlington Boy's Club as their speaker who spoke on the subject "How Can We Meet Our Youth's Needs?"

As a result of this able discussion, many of the men felt that a more concerted effort in this direction was needed in the community. It was then proposed that delegates from other community organizations should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Men's Club. Mr. Raymond A. Plotczyk, Principal of the Berlin Memorial School, was the speaker, who presented the needs of a unification of our efforts with the youth program, and pointed out the success they were having with the Young American Club in the school. Subsequently, the Berlin Youth Council was organized and bylaws approved at the April meeting in 1953. Mr. Plotczyk was chosen President and Rev. Robert W. MacNeill (pastor of the First Parish Church) became Secretary. The membership consisted of representatives from twenty-two local (social, patriotic, civic, and religious) organizations. The purpose

of the B.Y.C. was to promote activities which would be beneficial to the youth of the Town.

At a meeting of the Council on July 13, 1953, plans were made for a four-week summer playground program from July 27 to August 22. The program included competitive sports, tournaments, and special events. Norman S. Coldwell was elected Treasurer of the Council at this meeting. Several suggested projects were offered to the youth by the Council. Among these was a basketball team under the supervision of a competent instructor. Another group supported dancing and skating parties.

A group of thirty-three members organized a Rifle Club under the supervision of Raymond C. Baum, but the inconvenience of assembling at the Marlboro Rifle Range resulted in its abandonment. A very successful community Christmas party was sponsored and arranged by the Council in 1954. Over 400 gifts were distributed among the children, and a dance for the seventh and eighth graders was held at the Memorial School in the evening. The lack of interest and nonsupport of parents resulted in the decess of the enterprise (1957).

Berlin Schools Association

One of the most thrilling nostalgic occasions was the annual assembly of the "Reunion of Berlin Schools." For many years prior to 1919 independent groups assembled at their respective school buildings and celebrated a reunion of old classmates. There were five of these gatherings held on the same date, generally Labor Day or the day before school opened. The place, of course, was at the North, South, Center, East and West school-houses.

On September 1, 1919 (Labor Day), the schools of Berlin met on the Common at the Center. After the picnic dinner the meeting was called to order by Lester M. Bartlett, and it was proposed that the organization should include all of the pupils of the Town. As a result, the "Reunion of the Schools of the Town of Berlin" was organized. The following officers were elected: President, Sidney Carter; Vice President, Walter Wheeler; Recording Secretary, L. Ada Berry; Corresponding Secretary, Nellie Keizer; Treasurer, Bessie Jones. The Executive Committee consisted of a

representative from each of the five school districts, and it was recommended that the meetings be held annually on the Common where they would have access to the Town Hall and Church building in case of bad weather.

Two hundred and fifty old schoolmates assembled the following year. Frank H. Crossman was chosen President, which position he held repeatedly until 1932 (the year of his decease on February 25, age eighty-six years). L. Ada Berry continued as Secretary until 1931.

Following the business meeting, a list of the deceased schoolmates since the last assembly was read. This produced an atmosphere of serious reverence, as one reflected that year by year their ranks were reduced. Frank H. Crossman, being Town Clerk, could produce some interesting data. "There was a certain T. J. Sanderson who taught at the East 'old red school' in 1856 when he had forty-two scholars. By research, it was found in 1896 that thirty-eight of these were located among the living and four had died. By 1931, thirty-eight had died and only four remained living. These were Frank H. Crossman, Martha Pierce, George Ellis, and Sarah Wheeler."

No reunion was held in the years 1932 and 1933. On account of the Field Day conducted by the Board of Trade on Labor Day of 1939, the School Reunion was omitted. During the years of World War II (1942-1948) no reunions were held. They were resumed in 1949 and at this time it was decided to change the name of the organization to "Old Home Day and School Reunion." On the advent of the dedication of the new Memorial School (1951), in cooperation with the P.T.A. and Grange, the event was designated as the annual "Community Fair and Old Home Day."

It was a pleasure to have such persons as Lester M. Bartlett of Boston; Charles D. Cartwright, Charles Staples of Leominster; Dr. Frank Staples, President of State Medical School of Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Ernest B. Maynard of Choteau, Mont.; Perry H. White of Taunton, Mass.; or Lester Maynard (either present or by letter) contribute of their talent to the meeting. Many local personalities contributed with their talent in song, music, recitation or manuscript to enliven the program of the assembly.

In 1920, Mrs. J. Ida Sawyer was elected Historian of the As-

sociation, and for ten consecutive years she kept the association informed on "The Playmates of Yesterday." Her remarks were prefaced by a poem, written by Perry H. White, with the above title. At the meeting of September 7, 1936, Mrs. Marion Fromant presented a paper which depicted the status of the Berlin schools of that period. There were six classrooms located in five buildings, with six regular teachers and three special instructors for drawing, music, and penmanship. Three bus drivers and the Lovell Bus participated in transporting the pupils. The School Committee and Faculty were complimented upon the way they maintained schooling with the present equipment. In conclusion, "Berlin's greatest need is a consolidated school, which I hope to see in the not too distant future."

Community Fair and Old Home Day

The Annual Community Fair and Old Home Day was instituted in August of 1951 in connection with the presentation of the new Memorial School building to the Town. In addition to the facilities of the school building, there was Sawyer's Field, which the Town had purchased for a playground and recreational field in 1948.

This project was sponsored under the auspices of the Berlin Grange P. of H., No. 134, the Berlin Parent-Teachers' Association, and the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture co-operating. It was conducted annually in August from 1951 to 1954 inclusive at the Memorial School. The program covered the period from 10:00 A.M. to 11:55 P.M., with the following arrangement:

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon	Judging Exhibits
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.	Dinner
1:30 P.M.	Business Meeting, School Reunion
1:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	Fair and Exhibits Hobby Exhibition Professional Animal Show and Exhibit
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Baked Bean Supper
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	Square Dance Competition
8:30 P.M. - 11:55 P.M.	Dance in Town Hall

The exhibits were arranged into eight classes or departments, with a Chairman for each. The following is a sample:

- I. Vegetables
- II. Poultry and Poultry Products
- III. Flowers
- IV. Canned and Preserved Goods
- V. Home Cooking
- VI. Hand Work
- VII. 4-H and Junior Dept.
- VIII. Senior Hobbies, Junior Hobbies and Handicraft (Art Paintings)

Cash or ribbon awards were given for first and second places in all classes. Agricultural prize money not to exceed \$25.00 was awarded on the list by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. Other sources for the prize money came from the advertisements and host of patron contributors. The occasion not only furnished a school reunion and social gathering, but an opportunity to exhibit the local products in art and industry.

Golden Age Club

Not only the youth and middle-aged, but the older-aged persons have provision for recreation and entertainment. Rev. Robert W. MacNeill, Pastor of the First Parish Church, invited a group of the "oldsters" to the parsonage on the evening of June 11, 1953, to discuss the advisability of organizing a club. The Berlin Golden Age Club was organized in October of 1953 with fifteen members, and chose Charles M. Field as its President. It is sponsored by the Evening Guild of the First Parish Church. They meet on the third Tuesday afternoon of each month. Sometimes they provide their own entertainment. The program is generally finished by playing cards and all sorts of table games. Speakers from outside have been invited to discuss problems of the aging, which has proved very interesting and helpful.

Each town and city in Massachusetts was requested by Governor Christian A. Herter to appoint a Council for the Aging. The Selectmen of Berlin appointed the following committee in

1955: Mrs. Ethelyn Baum, Mrs. Blanche Nutting, Mrs. Laura Cole, Miss Lucy Wheeler, and Mrs. Annella Dunfield. The duties of the local council are to coordinate the work of the local departments dealing with the problems of the aging and to promote local facilities for the health, education, welfare, and recreation of the aging.

Mrs. Earle C. Morse was elected President of the Golden Age Club in 1955. The membership has more than doubled. The Council has arranged for transportation of dependent members to doctors, church, voting or meetings.

One hundred and fifty-seven letters were sent to senior citizens of Berlin. On Saturday afternoon, May 12, 1956, a party was held in Parish Hall in observance of "Senior Citizens' Week." Prizes were given to the couple married the longest, the oldest man and woman present, most recent bride present, and the person having the largest number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Berlin Art and Historical Society

At the Annual Town Meeting of February 7, 1949, Mr. J. Adams Puffer stated that there is a wealth of objects of art and historical interests in the homes of Berlin that should be collected and preserved in some suitable place within the Town. Therefore, he proposed that some person with interest and ability should be appointed to head such a project, and he presented the name of Mr. Vincent S. Eager. Under Article 38 of the Warrant of 1950, it was voted "to appoint a committee of three to receive objects of art and historic value, and to encourage interest in providing a place for their safekeeping; Mr. Vincent S. Eager to be Chairman, and empowered to select the other two members." Mr. Herbert H. Guild and Miss Emily C. Wheeler were named as the other two members of the committee.

The committee functioned and the Berlin Historical Society was instituted at a meeting held in Carter Hall on April 29, 1950. Bylaws were adopted on September 30, 1950, and Vincent S. Eager was chosen President and Hattie B. Woodward Secretary-Treasurer. Forty interested members assisted in arranging programs for the year, covering the period from September to June.

The meetings to be held on the last day of each month, except when that day falls on a Sunday, then the last Saturday shall be the date.

By the vote of the Town, March 10, 1952, the Selectmen were authorized to lease the South School building to the Berlin Historical Society for a meeting place and storage of property. In September of 1956 the Society accepted the privilege of using a basement room of the Public Library for their meetings and housing of the collection of objects of art and historical value. In January of 1953 the Berlin Historical Society became the Berlin Art and Historical Society. At their annual meeting in September (1952) Herbert H. Guild was elected its second President. The annual meeting was changed to June (in 1954) and Katherine A. Bacon was elected President and Vincent S. Eager Custodian. In 1958 Mrs. Doris C. Eager was elected President.

Their programs are varied and interesting. Under the caption of the "Preservation of Antiquities" there is the presentation of papers and exhibits in music, arts, drama, crafts, or history. In order to refresh and instruct the membership in the history of Berlin, "papers" and "exhibits" are given on such phases as civic life, the church, the school, military affairs, transportation and communication, or agriculture and industry. Another feature is the exchange of visitations with other historical societies as Hudson, Northboro, and Clinton.

The public has been favored with many exhibitions of articles of interest. Public exhibitions were conducted in Parish Hall on November 29, 1951, May 23, 1952, and in May and November of 1953. There was also an art exhibit in connection with Old Home Day held at the Memorial School on August 22, 1953. In the year 1954 the society held a craft exhibit of handmade rugs in Parish Hall in February, and in March an exhibit of paintings of "old houses" of Berlin. The annual exhibit was held in May in the Town Hall. In June the society joined with the First Parish Church in arranging an exhibit of church relics and papers in connection with the 175th anniversary of the Church.

During the years' programs, several interesting speakers have been procured. There was the illustrated lecture on "The Restoration of Old Colonial Williamsburg," and also "A Tour of Mexico" by Lewis R. Paine. Mrs. Harriman Reardon gave a very instruc-

tive talk on "Winter-Thur." The illustrative lecture by Roland Wells Robbins on "Treasure Hunting in America" revealed the projects of restoration of Jefferson's birthplace, Shadwell, Va.; Saugus Ironworks, Saugus, Mass.; and Thoreau's cabin at Walden Pond, Concord, Mass. Miss Elvira Scorgie gave a very illuminating lecture on the "Shakers" of the Harvard Settlement.

Another interesting feature of their program are the field trips and visitations. Among these was the visitation of the Holder Memorial in Clinton; the meeting held in Holder Social Club House and Friends Meetinghouse in Bolton (before its removal to Sturbridge Village); the pilgrimage to the Sandown Meetinghouse of Sandown, N. H.; a pilgrimage to the Concord Antiquarian Society Building in Concord, with tea at the Hartwell Farms in Lincoln; and tour of the "Old Sturbridge Village" in Sturbridge.

Another feature of the society is to develop some project for the annual program. On May 30, 1957, the central feature of the Memorial Day program was the appropriate dedication service for the placing of grave markers and flags at the graves of the thirty-four Revolutionary War veterans who rest in the Old Cemetery. At the meeting of February 28, 1958, the program consists of appropriate papers and exercises for the re-installation of the portraits of the noted citizens—Artemas Barnes, Chandler Carter, and Rev. W. H. Houghton, on the walls of the auditorium of the Town Hall.

Drama

During the later years of the nineteenth century, when there were not so many organizations, a group of public-spirited citizens banded themselves together to produce some form of entertainment. The Berlin Players, a dramatic club, was organized in 1889. While these volunteer players furnished entertainment for the public, their ulterior motive was to raise funds for community improvements. About \$11,000 was thus secured for the new Public Library building.

Furthermore, these Players used to put on an act on the evening of Memorial Day to aid in meeting the expenses of this annual holiday. On the occasion of the observation of the fiftieth

anniversary of the order of E. H. Hartshorn Camp 43, S. of U. V. (April 18, 1938), Charles S. Knight, a charter member, made reference to these Berlin Players in the following manner: He experienced a thrill as he entered the Town Hall and recalled that it was within these walls that he made his stage debut with Christopher S. White (the director of the Players) in a melodrama in which he spoke four words, in trembling voice and with even more shaky lower limbs, as he held a dark lantern while Mr. White robbed a safe.

A revival of the interest in dramatic presentation and entertainment developed on the evening of October 16, 1939, when a group of twelve met at the home of Miss Frances E. Rice and formed a dramatic club, to be known as the Parish Players. The officers were: President, Robert B. Coldwell; Vice President, Sidney Sawyer; and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Thora Coulson. Their first presentation was staged in the Town Hall on Friday night, December 1, 1939—a three-act comedy entitled “A Howling Success.” On Friday evening, January 26, 1940, the Parish Players presented “Winning Winnie,” a farce comedy in three acts. The cast of characters consisted of: Carolyn Bell, Dorothy Jones, Lulu Parmenter, Thora Coulson, Haydn Hunt, Josephine Rogers, Sidney Sawyer, Arthur Pierce, Robert Coldwell, and Rev. Ivan A. Klein. This was the second of a series of plays. The next production in the series was “Smoky Treasure.”

When Rev. Ivan A. Klein transferred to a church in Boston in 1942, the Players lost a valuable member, not only as an actor but also as a designer (for he had designed and painted the wings and the main curtain of the stage in the Town Hall). According to the *Worcester Telegram*—“Before the days of political campaigning by television, it was possible for a candidate to lose votes because he was too good an actor.” At least that’s the way it was in 1930 when Harris G. Field was first elected Town Clerk. He said, “When I first ran for office a woman (Miss Frances E. Rice, director of plays) told me she wouldn’t vote for me because she was afraid I’d stop taking part in plays.”

Once in a score of years a group of entertainers becomes hilarious and stages a minstrel show.

A unique departure in community entertainment was the pops concert. On Friday evening, May 8, 1953, the Senior Choir of

the First Parish Church presented an old-fashioned "pops concert" in the Town Hall under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Krackhardt, with Mrs. Florence Ross, accompanist. Guest artists were Alex MacLaren, soloist; Charles Young, pianist; and Lewis Paine, violinist.

The concert was in cabaret style with tables, in a setting depicting all the beauties of an early springtime garden. The program was presented in three parts and during the musical interludes refreshments were served at the tables by members of the Evening Guild. A capacity house, with many more desirous of attending the concert, called for a repeat on the following evening, Saturday, May 9.

When the Senior Choir of the First Church of Christ (Unitarian) of Lancaster arranged to present a "pops concert" they engaged pops talent of the Berlin First Parish Church to assist. The date was February 9 and 10, 1956. *The Clinton Daily Item* reported the occasion as follows: "Gay music, colorful costumes, and a striking stage setting combined to make the Pops Concert a very successful endeavor, and in addition provided the audience a wonderful evening of entertainment." The concert was repeated on the following evening.

The Passion Play

A sacred dramatization of portions of the Passion Play was presented to the public in the Town Hall by a cast from the St. Joseph the Good Provider Mission in three consecutive years of 1953-55. The plays were staged as follows:

March 21 and 22, 1953, "The Upper Room," Sat. and Sun.
April 10 and 11, 1954, "The Dark Days," Sat. and Sun.
Palm Sunday, April 3, 1955 "The Trial" @ 2:30 and 8:15 P.M.

The cast of twelve members was directed by John P. McGrail, accompanied by a chorus of fourteen voices.

Dancing

Dancing was a form of amusement, recreation and entertainment from the time of the very early settlements of the Town. Several old houses claim a room suitable for a rallying dance.

The most notable of these is the "Bullard House" built about 1747, in which there is a large room covering the entire second floor that was used as a dance hall.

The "Howe Tavern" built in 1803 later became the headquarters for public dances, more commonly referred to as "balls." Amory Carter refers to this practice in his *History of the Parish and Town of Berlin* whence he states that "there used to be two companies in the Town who had each their association of individuals (the old company and the young company) and they held their social dances, then called balls. . . . These were held at the tavern hall." Mrs. Sarah Howe presided over this "tavern hall." In her diary, under date of May 25, 1819, she recorded, "making arrangements for the ball, seventeen couples." This was evidently an election ball for she continued in her record, "the company behaved very well, and went away at an early hour for election. Had a good many spectators in to see them."

After the erection of the new Town House (1870) its auditorium became the suitable place for holding public dances. These were sponsored by civic groups, local organizations and even private individuals. The Saturday night public dances became so popular that they drew patrons from the neighboring towns. Unfortunately, some of these visitors did not conduct themselves in a gentleman-like manner in the hall. Then they persisted in parking their cars on the Church lawn and strewing a number of empty bottles around. This conduct irritated a number of the citizens, so that a special Town Meeting was called February 24, 1925. At this time the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that we, the citizens of Berlin, do heartily endorse the recent efforts of the selectmen to provide for the proper use of the Town Hall and prevent intrusion by an outside undesirable element; and that in the future no dance be held unless strictly policed and chaperoned by matrons approved by the Woman's Club; that no one be allowed repeatedly to use the Town Hall unless person or persons abide by the regulations enacted or to be enacted by the Selectmen. A rider motion met with an affirmative vote that "the Town Hall shall not be let for dances if the proceeds shall go for private use."

Then, for a short period, public dances were abeyant. But several mothers said that they did not want their daughters attend-

ing dances in other towns. It was then that the Unitarian Society came forward with a recommendation for a solution. Their horse-shed barn was remodeled, converting it into a commodious Parish Hall, which was dedicated at the May Festival of 1926. This provided a convenient place for a party dance. The annual May Festival, with the winding of the Maypole, became a gala form of entertainment for several years following the dedication of the social hall. This May Festival was promoted under the direction of Miss Frances E. Rice.

Since the fall of 1939 public dances have been resumed in the Town Hall under official regulations. Provision is also made for the conducting of dances for the "graders" at the Memorial School building under the direction of an instructor. Thus the Town has three places where public dances may be conducted.

Card Parties

Throughout the community life of Berlin, card playing has been a form of amusement and recreation, but with the increase of leisure, due to the shifting from a pure agricultural to a modified commercial and industrial population, card parties have become more popular. One's leisure varies according to whether he or she is employed eight hours in the day or from four A.M. to nine P.M.

There are several group or family card parties held regularly in different sections of the Town, so that one will say that "I cannot meet on Tuesday evening, for that is our card party night," and another will say, "I cannot meet on Thursday evening, for that is my card party."

Then there is the associated card playing. Almost every organization has a game of cards for a "nightcap" to its meeting. Thus the Board of Trade, Parish Men's Club, Firemen, Policemen, Golden Age Club, Grange, etc., have a game of cards for a friendly "good-night."

The public card party is the most popular social event. These are generally held for the purpose of raising money for some specified cause, and they are patronized by many card devotees from neighboring towns. The Board of Trade conducts a Military Whist Party near Thanksgiving in anticipation of funds for their

Annual Ladies' Night. On December 11, 1941, the Board of Trade had a pitch party which netted \$91.00 which was turned over to the 4-H Club to be used to send members to Camp Farley. In conjunction with the Fire and Police Departments, a pitch party was held in the Town Hall on February 27, 1941, which netted \$103.35 that was presented to the family of a member who had been hospitalized for a long period.

The Berlin Fire Department ran a benefit public stag pitch party on Thursday evening, January 26 (1956), for the benefit of a department member who lost his home by fire.

The Berlin Tuesday Club held a military whist party in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 28 (1956), for the benefit of their charity fund.

The Clinton Daily Item, November 2, 1957: The first of the winter public Grange pitch parties will start on Saturday, November 9, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burke, Highland Street. These parties are being sponsored by the Home & Community Service Committee of the Berlin Grange.

So, the calendar is filled and each society finds it necessary to plan weeks ahead in order not to conflict with another's date.

Sports

A fascinating form of sport was the Triangular Tennis Clubs that operated during the early 1900's. These contestants consisted of three groups, namely: The Kequasagansett of the Center, whose court was located on the Hartshorn lot between the general store and Coldwell's; the Minne-wa-wa Club, which was located in West Berlin on the property of Charles F. Harris (now that of Mrs. May H. Bowen); and the Shanondasee Club of South Berlin, the court of which was located on the property of Arthur Hastings. A great deal of interest was shown in their games and tournaments. One of the floats in the parade of the Centennial of 1912 consisted of a presentation of these three Berlin tennis clubs. Interest in the tournaments seemed to wane about 1917 when several of the members volunteered in the service of World War I. Many may recall some of the members, among whom was: Frances Rice, Ernest Ross, Lucinda Hartshorn, Ralph Hartshorn, Maude Barter, E. Guy Sawyer, George Sawyer, Hermon Sawyer, Rev. Philip A. Goold, Sidney Wheeler,

Emily C. Wheeler, Harold Hubbard, Pauline Felton, Charles F. Harris, Ruea E. Carter, Gertrude M. Felton, Florence Wilder, Ralph Turnbull, Carl Marble, Ralph Marble, Bertha Felton, Marjorie Sawyer, Florence Hastings.

Several of the devotees continued to play tennis on private courts. One was located at the Willis Rice residence on Walnut Street. Another at the Center was at Lucinda Hartshorn's. The court at Sidney Wheeler's in South Berlin was used for a number of years.

A few of the youth of the next generation thought that they would like to have a tennis court and so it was undertaken as a community project. Danford Tyler donated a plot of land back of the Library and the Town voted \$100 in 1930, and \$200 in 1931 "to construct a tennis court on the lot adjoining the Library." Then it was decided that this would make a good W.P.A. project, so a committee (L. D. Carter, Frances Rice, and Lucinda Hartshorn) was appointed to supervise the project. After grading, surfacing with loam, and fencing the court, it proved to be unsatisfactory to the amateur players. Then volunteers spent some time and labor in establishing a cinder court, but this was never used, and since the fence has been removed it is desired that the plot may be converted into a lawn.

Roller Skating

Roller skating was the vogue around the years of 1914 to 1916. Waldo L. Wheeler of Summer Road had constructed a large (20 x 100 ft.) henhouse. In order to promote the social life of the youth, under the pastorage of Rev. Herman Frederick Lion, he permitted the use of the second floor for a skating rink. A host of the young people enjoyed the frolicking times they had at the rink. The newly constructed cement sidewalks along two sides of the common at the Center furnished a good place for practicing on the roller skates.

Baseball

Baseball is a sport that fascinated the young men of Berlin through successive generations. Back in the early 1890's, when

young Perry H. White was publishing the *Berlin News*, he spread upon his sheet some interesting data on baseball games. There was the Berlin News Club, and under the caption "The Berlins Defeat the Hudsons," in the issue of June 11, 1890, he says: "In the game between the Hudsons and Berlins last Saturday the Berlins came out one ahead; the score being 8 to 7. The boys are beginning to show the out-of-towns that they can play ball. They are ready to play any nine whose players are not above 18 years of age."

Again on July 9, 1890, we quote: "The Berlin News Club played the Hudsons last Friday defeating them, after a long game of 12 innings, in a score of 7 to 6. Both sides worked hard to beat, but at last the B.N. nine brought in the winning score." "In the game with Northboro, our nine took it easy, while the Northboro boys worked hard but with no success. The score was 24 to 2 in favor of the B.N. team."

During the period between 1910 and 1917 there were some local games during the ball seasons. After World War I, an Athletic Club was formed which played during the seasons between 1922 and 1927. Some of the players were Chester Cole, Cecil Wheeler, Walter Sawtelle, Raymond Cole, Everett Bartlett, Ernest Coulson, Ernest Parmenter, Herman Wheeler, and Waino H. Tervo. They were winners in many games and won the pennant in 1927.

The Assabet Valley League was organized and functioned between the years of 1929 to 1933. This was a six-team league, consisting of teams from Marlboro, Northboro, Jefferson, Sterling, West Boylston, and Berlin. The Berlin team was sponsored by the American Legion and suits were furnished by several mercantile concerns which displayed their goods. Several of the players were from the former Athletic Club, but several new men took up the bat. Among these were Glendon H. Blenkhorn, Harry Featherstone, Lawrence (Ace) Cotter, and Burton K. Wheeler.

Another Assabet Valley League was formed (1947-1948) which was an eight-team league. This incorporated teams of Clinton, Cordaville, Fayville, Southboro, Northboro, Boylston, West Boylston, and Berlin.

After a lull of several years in baseball activities, new interest has been revived. In 1956, the Little League was organized consisting of four teams. These are from four sections of the Town:

North, Center, West and East. For the season of 1957 a full schedule was announced covering games from June 23 to August 15. All games were played on the Community Playgrounds at the Memorial School starting at 6:15 P.M. The age of the players range from eight to twelve. The anticipation is that in the near future they will cross bats with neighboring Little League teams.

Basketball

Ever since the construction of Parish Hall in 1926, the playing of basketball has claimed its principal utility. The Berlin Town Team was formed in 1927 and continued to function during the seasons, including 1930. The original lineup was:—

(Chet)	Chester Cole,	guard
(Kip)	Clifton Brewer,	guard
(Puf)	Stanwood Puffer,	center
(Jeff)	Ernest Parmenter,	forward
(Burt)	Burton Wheeler,	forward

They practiced on Monday nights and played other teams on two other nights of the week. Competing games were played with Hudson, Maynard, Marlboro, Clinton, Boylston, Sterling, Leominster, Fitchburg, and Princeton, the Berlin team winning its share of the games.

Following these years the Parish Hall was in demand for games under the sponsorship of the American Legion. Some of the promoters of these games were William E. McNamara, Vaughn E. Stone, Arthur E. Chapdelaine, Warren G. Field, Everett E. Bartlett, and Robert B. Coldwell.

In recent years there have been girls' basketball, school basketball, women's basketball, senior boys' basketball, and men's basketball games, so that a Parish Hall Committee was assigned to provide a schedule timetable for these various games. A cross-section of the schedule for Parish Hall during the season (Jan.-Apr.) of 1956 reads as follows:

Mon.	3-5 P.M.	School basketball
Tues.	3-5 P.M.	School basketball
Tues.	7 P.M.	Women's basketball
Wed.	7 P.M.	Senior Boys' basketball
Sat.	2 P.M.	Girls' basketball

Fencing

Fencing is another sport that is conducted in the Parish Hall. During the season (Jan.-Mar.) of 1956, a class in fencing for girls was directed by Miss Marchant on Wednesday at 3:45 P.M.; and a similar class for the boys was supervised by Warren G. Field on Saturday at 10:00 A.M.

The Parish Hall Activities Committee has supervision over the activities held in the Parish Hall. The committee has purchased a record player to be used at the Parish Hall dances. (Record of Dec. 1957)

Volley Ball

Interest in volleyball was a new adventure of Parish Hall that was introduced in 1957. The Parish Hall Association was formed with Warren G. Field as Director. Games were played on Thursday evening.

Clinton Fish and Game Protective Association

The grounds of the Clinton Fish & Game Protective Association are located off Lancaster Road (in Berlin) on land of the former Edward L. Collins farm. The purchase was made in the year 1943 and their equipment was transferred from the former Bolton location. Their property embraces ten acres of rustic environment, adapted to the maintenance of wildlife. There is a club house upon the grounds and recently a shooting gallery has been installed in the basement.

Their chief project is to procure and stock the streams and brooks (especially of Berlin) with brook trout and rainbows. Another project is the raising and distribution of pheasants, partridges, and woodcocks over the forested section of the territory.

The following licenses were issued to Berlin citizens during the year 1956: 87 fishing licenses, 74 hunting licenses, 50 sporting licenses, 22 minor fishing licenses, 11 female fishing licenses and 1 trapping license.

Wataquadock Fox Club

The Wataquadock Fox Club has a clubhouse on Peach Hill Road on the property and near the residence of the late Albert A. Jacobs. From these headquarters the fox-chasers release their hounds in the early dawn to bay down the sly prowler. It is great sport for the fox-men, but a headache for the neighbors who wish to sleep during those early hours.

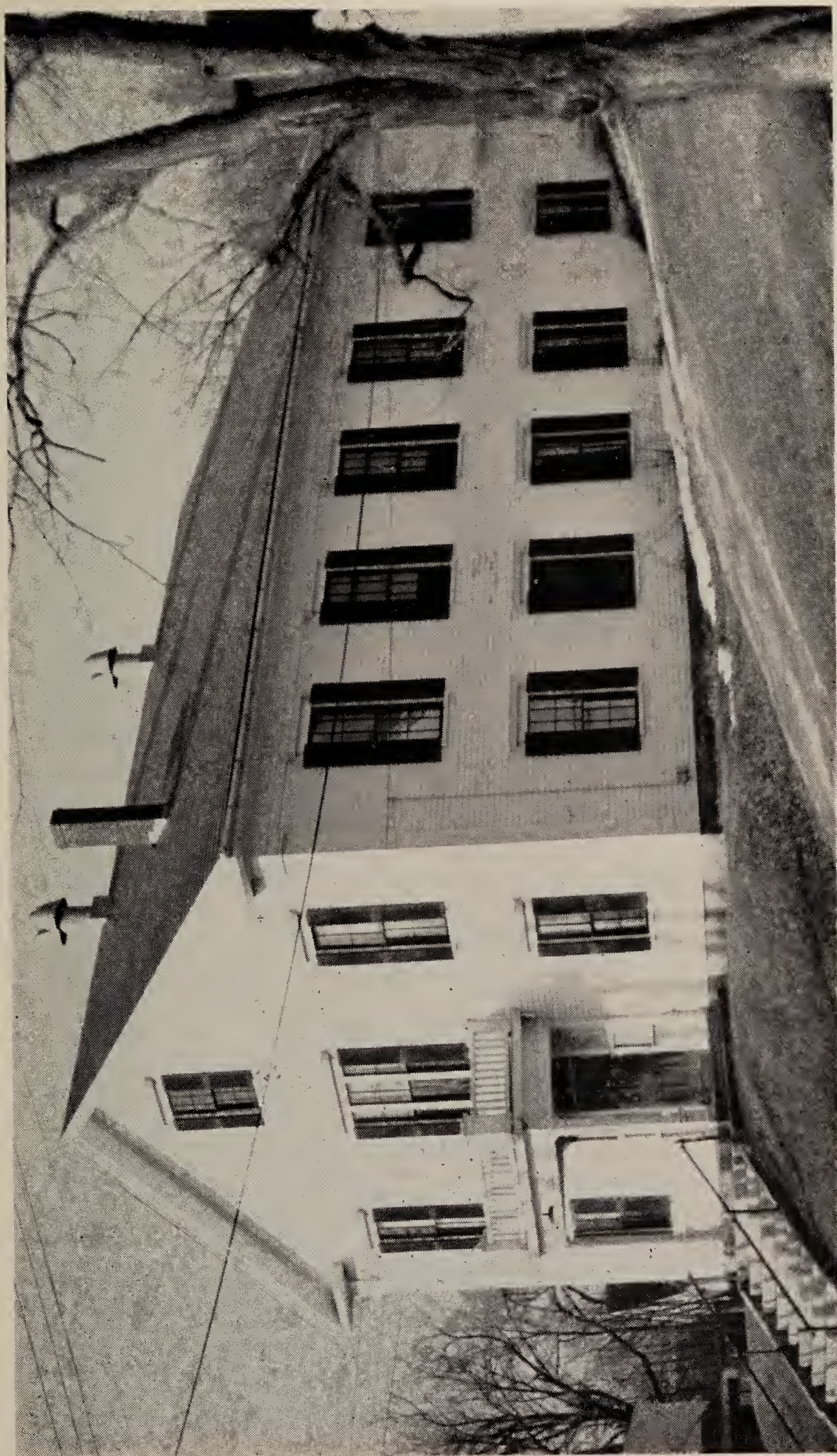
Public Playground Commission

Since the year 1950 there has been a Playground Commissioner appointed annually. The Commission has been increased to a committee of three. Their duty was to condition the Sawyer Field for a suitable playground and arrange for a summer program. Annual appropriations have been made for this purpose. Besides being used as the school playgrounds, it is the local athletic field. During the summer of 1955 a four weeks program was conducted under the direction of two paid instructors.

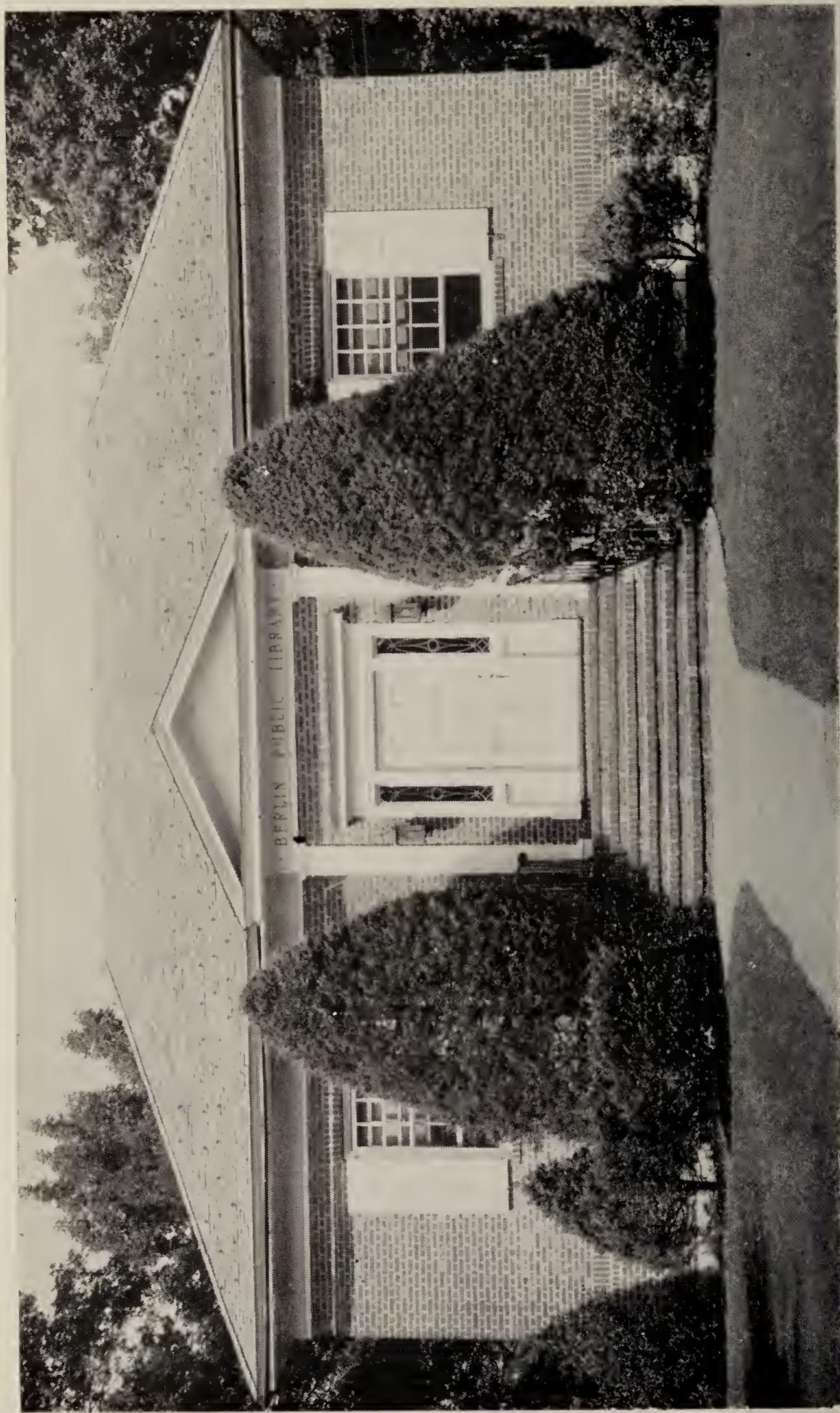
Pinecrest Country Club

Berlin also sports a golf course. In the year 1952 the three Martineit brothers (Adolph, Edward, and Walter) began converting their ninety-four acres of farm land into a country club. By the summer of 1957 they had constructed the clubhouse and developed the greens for a nine-hole golf links so that the players could begin their practice.

These commodious grounds, with abundance of natural resources (brooks, ponds, rocks, groves, hills, and valleys) were named Pinecrest Country Club, with an entrance to the grounds from Carr Road. Players and members of the club hail from neighboring towns of Clinton and Hudson, and from cities of Fitchburg, Marlboro and Worcester, in addition to residents of Berlin.



TOWN HALL



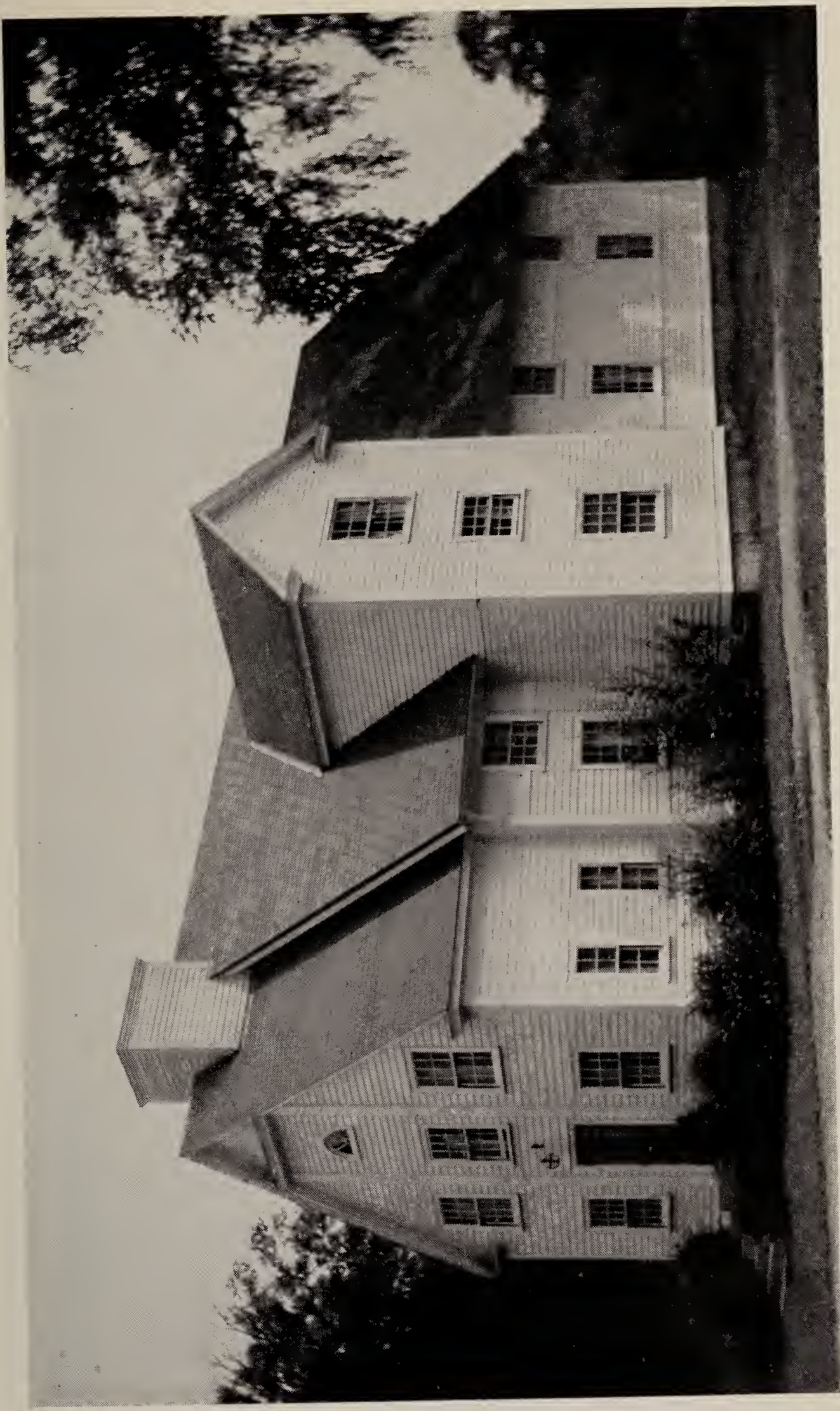
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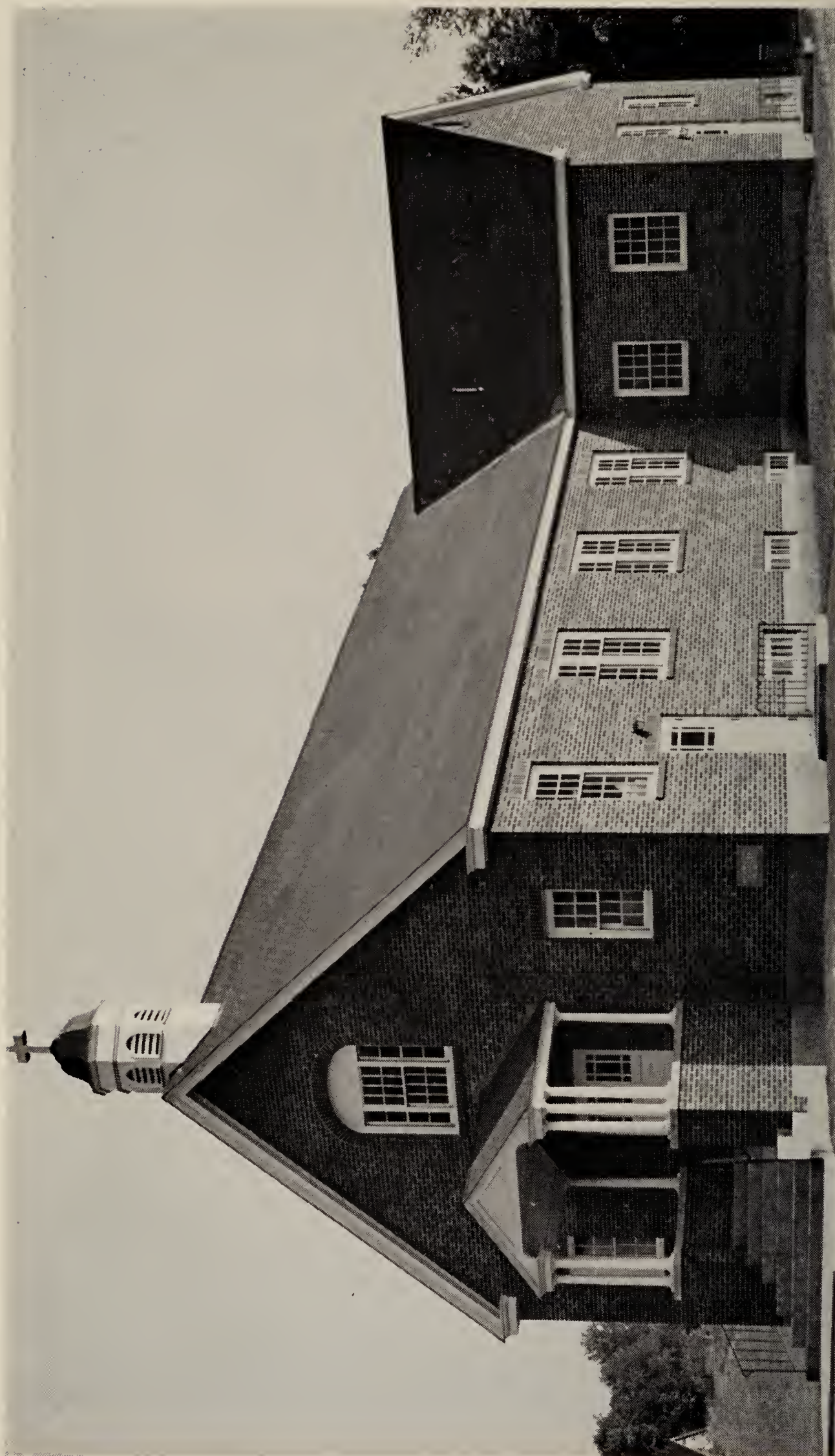
MEMORIAL SCHOOL



FIRST PARISH CHURCH



CHILDREN'S CHURCH



SAINT JOSEPH'S MISSION



TOWN BARN



ABOVE: POLICE DEPARTMENT

BELOW: FIRE DEPARTMENT



CHAPTER IX

GENEALOGY

ALLEN

CHARLES H. ALLEN, s. John A. and Mary A. (Richardson) Allen of Salem, b. Reading, May 9, 1852, d. Nov. 23, 1927; m. Harriet B. Pratt, dau. of Stillman M. Pratt, May 9, 1876. She b. Reading, Oct. 2, 1854, d. Dec. 24, 1935. Came to Berlin in 1893 and located on "1790 Farm" on River Rd. Had:

Florence B., b. Nov. 12, 1880, m. Ernest O. Wheeler, Feb. 12, 1904.

Henry M., b. Oct. 26, 1883, d. May 27, 1893.

Arthur Pratt, b. Oct. 5, 1889, m. Annie F. Simoneau, June 27, 1912.

Walter J., b. Oct. 19, 1891, d. Dec. 20, 1945, m. Ruth I. Munyon.

Charlotte, b. Jan. 8, 1894, m. Lee E. Ellis, June 7, 1921, res. Menlo Park, Calif. Dau. Jane, b. Washington, D.C., Sept. 8, 1924. She m. Pete H. Kafity; have two children, Charlotte and William, res. San Diego, Calif.

ARTHUR PRATT ALLEN, s. Charles H.; m. Annie F. Simoneau, June 27, 1912, res. Norwood, Mass. She d. Nov. 15, 1942. They had:

Priscilla, b. May 19, 1916, m. John Haskell Colby, Sept. 17, 1938.

Arthur Pratt, Jr., b. April 29, 1922.

2m. Marian Brennan, Jan., 1945.

WALTER J. ALLEN, s. Charles H. and Harriet B. (Pratt) Allen m. Ruth I. Munyon, dau. Arthur T. and Alice (Hume) Munyon, Aug. 31, 1915. They had:

John Chester, b. in Cuba, May 22, 1916, m. Vera Louise Hooper, Oct. 9, 1948, res. Franklin, Mass.

Mortimer Charles, b. in Milford, July 6, 1917, res. Franklin, Mass.

Ronald Arthur, b. Berlin, July 21, 1922, m. Sylvia (Hall) Burns of Worcester, July 11, 1942.

Florence Irene, b. May 30, 1924, m. Leroy H. LaPlante, May 18, 1947, res. Auburn, Mass. Had:

Carol Ann, b. June 27, 1948.

Linda Jean, b. Dec. 11, 1949.

Allen Roy, b. Nov. 25, 1955.

Marion Ruth, b. July 4, 1927, m. Leonard G. Penniman, May 11, 1946. Had:

Barbara Allen, b. Aug. 20, 1947.

2m. Wallace Hickey, Oct. 4, 1953. Had:

Brian Hickey, b. Mar. 25, 1954.

Bruce, b. June 7, 1955. Res. So. Acton, Mass.

RONALD ARTHUR ALLEN, s. Walter J. and Ruth I. (Munyon) Allen; m. Sylvia (Hall) Burns of Worcester, July 11, 1942.

2m. Phyllis M. (Felix) Thorpe of Brattleboro, Vt. She d. May 10, 1953. Had:

Dorothy Jean, b. Peterboro, N.H. Sept. 7, 1947.

Donna Lee, b. Berlin, Dec. 12, 1950.

Ronald Arthur, Jr. b. Berlin Aug. 16, 1952.

3m. Laurette Hines of Hamden, Conn., July 3, 1955. Had:

Jeffery Anthony, b. Worcester Nov. 16, 1956.

Other children:

William Thorpe.

Patricia Thorpe, b. Apr. 29, 1943, Marlboro.

Donald Thorpe, b. Feb. 22, 1946, Marlboro.

ELMER E. ALLEN, s. Nathan M. and Louisa (Babcock) Allen, b. Feb. 6, 1862, d. Sept. 27, 1937; m. Mary S. Barnes, dau. Mellen and Eliza (McNeil) Barnes of Boylston, June 29, 1892. She d. Dec. 30, 1917. They had:

Bertha T. Allen, m. Alexander S. Robertson, Dec. 24, 1906.

Walter M., b. July 12, 1893, m. Dorothy Pierce.

Ellen L., b. Dec. 10, 1895, m. Lemuel D. Carter.

Nettie D., b. Dec. 30, 1901, m. Archie G. Taylor.

WALTER M. ALLEN, s. Elmer E.; m. Dorothy Pierce, dau. Arthur Franklin and Mary (Cartwright) Pierce, June 10, 1916. They had:
Ethel Mary, b. Sept. 29, 1918, m. Harold A. Burnham, Mar. 11, 1938. Res. Holden, Mass.

ALLSOBROOKS

ARTHUR WILLIAM ALLSOBROOKS, s. John and Emma (Shipton) Allsobrooks, b. Philadelphia, Nov. 17, 1876, d. Oct. 19, 1952; came to Berlin in 1916, located on Dudley Rd.; m. Ella Maria Henderson of Fitchburg. Had:

Maria Matilda, b. Feb. 10, 1905, m. Earle M. Wheeler, Feb. 26, 1923. She d. Mar. 23, 1924.

Martha Harriet, b. Apr. 7, 1907, m. Richard Arthur Hanley, Oct. 29, 1927. She d. Mar. 14, 1938.

2m. Edith May Dill of Hudson, Feb. 11, 1911, b. in Nova Scotia, Nov. 25, 1899. Had:

Arthur Henry, b. Dec. 19, 1911, m. Emma Rowena Wetherell.

May Rosella, b. Jan. 31, 1913, d. Apr. 7, 1915.

Walter Kenneth, b. June 21, 1915, m. Elizabeth Ann Rodolff.

Marjorie Ella, b. July 5, 1917, d. Apr. 15, 1926.

George Albert, b. Feb. 9, 1920, d. Mar. 25, 1926.

Cecil David, b. Jan. 9, 1922, m. Audrey Mary Labelle.

Freelove Sophia, b. Feb. 20, 1924, m. Robert Martin Crouch of Hudson, July 4, 1943. Had:

April Ann, b. Apr. 1, 1944.

ARTHUR HENRY ALLSOBROOKS, s. Arthur W. and Edith (Dill) Allsobrooks; m. Emma Rowena Wetherell, Apr. 18, 1935.

2m. Evelyn May Mosher of Hudson, Mar. 27, 1946. Had:

Frances May, b. Feb. 18, 1947.

Arthur Henry, Jr., b. Apr. 8, 1948.

Walter David, b. Mar. 29, 1949.

Edith Mary, b. Sept. 7, 1950.

Jane Elaine, b. June 29, 1953.

WALTER KENNETH ALLSOBROOKS, s. Arthur W. and Edith M. (Dill) Allsobrooks; m. Elizabeth Ann Rodolff, June 8, 1946. Had:

Connie May, b. July 3, 1947.

Allen James, b. Jan. 30, 1951.

CECIL DAVID ALLSOBROOKS, s. Arthur W. and Edith May (Dill) Allsobrooks; m. Audrey Mary Labelle of Northboro, June 28, 1943. Res. Pleasant St. Had:

Judith Ann, b. Apr. 14, 1944.

Patricia Lillian, b. Feb. 5, 1946.

Sharon Lee, b. Apr. 25, 1947.

ANDREWS

GEORGE E. ANDREWS, s. Samuel Elliot (d. Aug. 23, 1904) and Mary A. (Barnard) Andrews (d. Mar. 3, 1933); m. Susie L. Hartwell, dau. Daniel P. (d. Aug. 18, 1924) and Ellen M. (Wheeler) Hartwell (d. Feb. 12, 1915) on Aug. 5, 1894. Had:

Kendall E., b. Jan. 22, 1903, d. Nov. 12, 1948, m. Jeanette C. Brewer.

Mary Hartwell, b. Mar. 26, 1907, m. Edgar Albert Renaud Nov. 8, 1931.

KENDALL E. ANDREWS, s. George E. (d. July 16, 1929) and Susie L. (Hartwell) Andrews (d. Apr. 11, 1943); m. Jeanette Cora Brewer, dau. Arthur L. and Cora (Wheeler) Brewer, Oct. 12, 1922. Had:

Faith, b. June 30, 1931, m. John William Linzee July 30, 1955. Had:

Jill, b. May 21, 1956.

John William, Jr., b. Oct. 8, 1958.

JAMES ELLIOTT ANDREWS, s. George H. (d. June 14, 1916) and Adeliza J. (Howard) Andrews, dau. Rufus Howard (d. Mar. 9, 1926). B. Sept. 12, 1865, d. May 7, 1954; m. Flora M. Babcock, dau. William T. and Harriet M. (Sawyer) Babcock, June 10, 1885. She d. Nov. 21, 1892 Had:

William Henry Andrews, b. Sept. 4, 1885, d. Feb. 23, 1903.

2m. Nettie M. McFarland, dau. John L. and Lucinda M. (Fessenden) McFarland of Gardner, June 24, 1896. She d. Jan. 1, 1932.

3m. Anne (Fiefield) Belledue, dau. Avery F. and Elizabeth (Small) Fiefield of Melrose, Dec. 12, 1934. She d. Mar. 15, 1940.

LEON NEWTON ANDREWS, s. L. Preston and Marian (Onthank)

Andrews of Westboro, m. Norma Irene Wheeler, dau. Roland E. and Freda B. (Stone) Wheeler, July 1, 1950. Had:

Wayne Leon, b. July 16, 1951.

Leah Jean, b. Oct. 29, 1953.

Mark Boyd, b. June 4, 1958.

ARTHUR

PAUL HARRISON ARTHUR, s. Henry Harrison and Dilley (Lewis) Arthur, b. Neodesha, Kan. June 24, 1894. In 1939 Mr. Arthur purchased the "1790 Farm" of River Rd. at the junction with Bridge Rd. over the Assabet. He m. Miriam Taylor Wilson, dau. George Grafton and Elizabeth (Rose) Wilson. She b. Providence, R. I. Feb. 13, 1896. Children:

Elizabeth Rose, b. New York City Dec. 5, 1921, m. Paul Mascal Aubry.

Henry Harrison, b. New York City June 20, 1925, m. Margaret Ann Penning.

The "1790 Farm" was sold to Theodore O. Brewster of Dedham in August, 1958.

BABCOCK

LEVI BABCOCK, s. Josiah and Betsey (Bowman) Babcock, b. Mar. 28, 1839, d. Mar. 31, 1924. He m. Maria C. Felton, dau. Henry O. and Charlotte (Phelps) Felton, Jan. 31, 1869; she d. Aug. 14, 1885. Had:

Ethel May, b. Apr. 11, 1877, m. Charles J. Tarbell Jan. 18, 1898, He d. July 17, 1954. She d. Dec. 31, 1958.

Irving Levi, b. Jan. 24, 1882.

2m. Addie L. Felton, dau. Henry O. and Charlotte (Phelps) Felton, June 27, 1888, d. Feb. 24, 1915.

BALL

THOMAS BRIGHAM BALL, s. Barnabas B. and Abigail Ball, b. Boylston, d. Berlin July 28, 1898, buried in Pleasant St. Cemetery. He m. Emma A. Hastings, dau. Reuben and Caroline Hastings, Aug. 25, 1861. She b. Apr. 17, 1840.

The following note was received from his daughter, Mrs. Emma Ball Upham of Foxboro, Mass. (1950): "Thomas B. Ball, Civil War Veteran, served as one of President Lincoln's Body Guards

until his death. Then he served as Mail Messenger at the White House. His wife (my mother) accompanied him in Washington, and did many good deeds for the Company."

BARNES

GEORGE HENRY BARNES, s. Daniel and Betsey Barnes, b. Dec. 18, 1831, d. Nov. 10, 1919. He m. Eliza Ann Batchelder, dau. Simeon and Eliza Batchelder, on Apr. 28, 1859. She b. Upton, Sept. 19, 1832, d. Jan. 26, 1907. He built "Johnny Barnes" house, cor. Barnes Hill Rd. and Linden St. Had:

Mary Imogene, b. Oct. 22, 1860, d. Dec. 10, 1874.

John Henry, b. Apr. 20, 1864, m. Luella B. Ayers.

Lucy Sophia, b. Nov. 18, 1865, m. Ellsworth C. Howe.

George Daniel, b. Dec. 25, 1868, d. July 2, 1912.

JOHN HENRY BARNES, s. George H. and Eliza A. (Batchelder) Barnes; m. Luella B. Ayers, dau. William H. and Fanny B. (Farr) Ayers of Clinton, Oct. 9, 1895. She b. Enosburg, Vt. Aug. 20, 1875. He d. Mar. 29, 1924. Had:

Hazel Marion, b. June 23, 1896, m. Bernard O. Wheeler.

BARTER

JAMES WESTON BARTER, s. Thomas and Hannah (Gardner) Barter, b. St. George, Me. Aug. 30, 1858; m. Carrie L. Gleason, dau. Samuel and Martha (Temple) Gleason of Heath, Mass. Aug. 30, 1883. Came to Berlin in 1888, pastor of M. E. Church. She b. Mar. 15, 1860, d. June 5, 1922. He d. Apr. 24, 1936. Had:

Maude A., b. Aug. 28, 1885, m. E. Guy Sawyer, Oct. 24, 1913.

Lila May, b. May 5, 1890, d. Apr. 22, 1891.

Clifford Herbert, b. Dec. 12, 1891, m. Ruth C. Manter Dec. 25, 1916.

Marion Smith, b. Sept. 11, 1893, m. Raymond W. Cole Aug. 2, 1917.

CLIFFORD HERBERT BARTER, s. James W. and Carrie L. (Gleason) Barter; m. Ruth Caroline Manter, dau. Alfred Elmer and Frances Maude (Hipson) Manter Dec. 25, 1916. She was b. in Whitman Aug. 19, 1892; her mother d. Plymouth May 21, 1958; bur. Pleasant St. Cemetery. Had:

Carl Andrew, b. Sept. 15, 1918, m. Janet Gibbs Nov. 11, 1944.

Alfred Weston, b. Sept. 27, 1920, d. Apr. 6, 1945.

Bruce Manter, b. May 8, 1925, m. Constance Ziegler Sept. 17, 1949.

Paul Gleason, b. Aug. 9, 1927, m. Edith Schnebelen Oct. 12, 1951. Res. Los Angeles, Calif.

CARL ANDREW BARTER, s. Clifford H. and Ruth C. (Manter) Barter; m. Janet Gibbs, dau. Roy J. and Hester E. (Perkins) Gibbs Nov. 11, 1944. She b. Nov. 8, 1920, in Manchester, N. H. Had:

Alfred Weston Barter, b. Aug. 5, 1945.

Thomas Johnson, b. Dec. 2, 1947.

Terence Gibbs, b. Dec. 2, 1947.

BARTLETT

EVERETT EDWARD BARTLETT, s. Edward Ashley and Lily (Eaton) Bartlett of Shrewsbury, b. Aug. 21, 1896; m. Mildred A. Field, dau. Charles M. and Carrie (Goodwin) Field Oct. 19, 1918. Had:

Thomas Rodney, b. May 15, 1919, d. Sept. 4, 1943, m. Betty L. Rodda May 23, 1942. Had:

Thomas Rodney Bartlett, Jr. b. Sept. 26, 1943, Springfield.

Everett Edward, Jr., b. Nov. 14, 1920, m. Marguerite Myrtle Flood, Hudson.

Phillip Warren, b. June 1, 1929, m. Ida Jane Nowlan.

EVERETT EDWARD BARTLETT, Jr., s. Everett E. and Mildred A. (Field) Bartlett; m. Marguerite Myrtle Flood of Hudson Aug. 3, 1945. Had:

Bruce Arden, b. Feb. 15, 1947.

Dennis Allan, b. Dec. 12, 1948.

Nancy Lee, b. Mar. 18, 1951.

Sue Linda, b. May 27, 1954.

PHILLIP WARREN BARTLETT, s. Everett E. and Mildred A. (Field) Bartlett; m. Ida Jane Nowlan of Fairfield, Conn. Feb. 3, 1951. Had:

Rodney Allen, b. June 2, 1952.

Debra Ann, b. Nov. 13, 1953.

Karen Ashley, b. June 17, 1956.

BASSETT

DANIEL BASSETT came to Berlin with his wife, Susanna (Harkness) Bassett in 1856 and lived with their son, Elisha Bassett, on the Danford B. Tyler farm of River Road. He d. Berlin Sept. 18, 1861, she d. Berlin Feb. 8, 1862.

ELISHA E. BASSETT, s. Daniel and Susanna (Harkness) Bassett, b. Richmond, N. H. Mar. 11, 1811, d. Berlin Feb. 18, 1904; m. Olive B. Steward in 1843, she d. Mar. 18, 1845. Had:

Olive S., b. Mar. 7, 1845, d. July 15, 1904.

2m. Mrs. Maria L. (Whitcomb) Howland Nov. 27, 1847, she d. May 25, 1909. Had:

Daniel H., b. July 9, 1849, d. Jan. 19, 1886, m. Susan E. Morse May 1, 1883.

Pliny E., b. July 9, 1849, res. Brockton, m. Helen Morse.

Anna S., b. June 28, 1856, d. Jan. 14, 1941, m. James D. Tyler.

DANIEL H. BASSETT, s. Elisha and Maria L. Bassett; m. Susan E. Morse, dau. Winslow B. Morse, May 1, 1883. She b. Aug. 31, 1859, d. July 29, 1931. Had:

Eugenia L., b. Dec. 12, 1883, d. June 20, 1953.

Fred Elisha, b. April 9, 1885, m. Myrtle Hildreth of Worcester.

WILLIAM BASSETT, s. Daniel and Susanna (Harkness) Bassett, b. Richmond, N. H. Oct. 5, 1819, d. Berlin Nov. 26, 1896; m. Patience Tyler, dau. Moses Tyler (d. Oct. 8, 1847) and Abigail Tyler (d. Oct. 15, 1876), Dec. 13, 1846. She d. June 13, 1880. They settled on the "Joseph Parks" place (better known as the John Bernardson home of South St., So. Berlin) in 1857. In 1891 they moved into the residence of their granddaughter, Mrs. Percy R. Coldwell on Central St., Had:

Mary A., b. July 21, 1848, d. May 17, 1917.

Laura E., b. Sept. 11, 1850, d. Nov. 10, 1852.

Julia Ida, b. Oct. 26, 1854, d. Feb. 22, 1939, m. Charles M. Sawyer.

Florence M., b. Apr. 1, 1858, d. Jan. 20, 1940, m. Edward F. Fletcher July 31, 1897, he d. Dec. 18, 1943.

Helen E., b. Feb. 17, 1860, d. Dec. 16, 1894, m. Edward F. Fletcher Jan. 11, 1887.

BAUM

JOHN E. BAUM, s. Cecil E. and Hannah (Lewis) Baum, b. Chelsea, Mass. Apr. 6, 1910; m. Ethelyn A. Rand, dau. Frederick T. and Katie (Stoodard) Rand Sept. 11, 1938. She b. Springfield Feb. 22, 1913. Had:

John Rand, b. Needham, May 26, 1943.

Frederick Raymond, b. Berlin Apr. 14, 1947.

RAYMOND C. BAUM, s. Cecil E. and Hannah (Lewis) Baum, b. Boston June 19, 1919, m. Ruea Nancy Wheeler, dau. Amos C. and Ethel M. (Jones) Wheeler Oct. 10, 1947, Had:

Duncan Russell, b. April 24, 1949.

Donald Raymond, b. Dec. 16, 1952.

BEDARD

LEON EUGENE BEDARD, m. Rhoda Mae Stone, dau. Jenness E. and Ethelena J. (Westover) Stone, Jan. 23, 1943. Had:

Sandra Jane, b. Apr. 26, 1944.

Leon Stone, b. Apr. 10, 1948.

Ethelinda Jeanette, b. Aug. 11, 1949.

Wendy Renae, b. May 31, 1951.

Edmond Joseph, b. Dec. 19, 1958.

BELLAROSA

ANDREW BELLAROSA, s. Markey and Jessie (Nutsa) Bellarosa, b. Italy. Came to Berlin 1923, settled on Allen Rd.; m. Mary E. Minnicutch, wid. of Constantine Minnicutch 1920. She d. Feb. 24, 1939. Had:

Dona Edward (Minnicutch), b. Sept. 26, 1909, m. Mary Hanney.

Elizabeth (Minnicutch), b. Oct. 4, 1911, m. Henry Anton Dilling.

James (Minnicutch), b. Feb. 15, 1913, m. Florence M. Bassett.

Markey Bellarosa, b. Clinton July 1921.

2m. Ida (Guernieri) Parisi Oct. 30, 1939.

3m. Alice M. (Allen) Hanscom July 31, 1947.

DONA EDWARD BELLAROSA, s. Andrew Bellarosa and Mary E. Minnicutch, m. Marguerite Mary Henney, dau. Michael and

Margaret (Butler) Hanney Sept. 26, 1934. She b. Clinton Apr. 17, 1913. Had:

Mary Elaine, b. Oct. 5, 1935, m. Herbert M. Surette Sept. 27, 1959.

James Michael, b. July 19, 1939.

Donald Raymond, b. July 13, 1943.

Karen Elizabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1945.

Diane Marie, b. Jan. 1, 1948.

JAMES BELLAROSA, s. Andrew Bellarosa and Mary E. Minnicutch, m. Florence Mae Bassett, dau. Edward D. and Mary Frances (Martin) Bassett Feb. 12, 1949. Had:

Gail Elizabeth, b. Jan. 12, 1950.

John David, b. May 27, 1958.

BENT

CHARLES LUMAN BENT m. Betty Marie Wheeler, dau. Emerson W. and Ethel (Ross) Wheeler, June 6, 1953. Had:

Dale William, b. May 21, 1954.

Cynthia Ann, b. May 11, 1955.

Wayne David, Sept. 7, 1956.

Brenda Jean, Dec. 27, 1957.

BERNARDSON

JOHN BERNARDSON, s. Bernhard Johannesen and Frederica Gunnerson, b. Norway Mar. 23, 1876. Came to Berlin in 1924, located on Parks Farm of South St. (Poultry Farm). He d. Apr. 6, 1949; m. Jessie A. Smith of Gloucester, dau. of David E. and Mary (Fraser) Smith, June 17, 1905. She b. Oct. 18, 1873, d. Nov. 6, 1953. Had:

Annie Natalie, b. Mar. 26, 1907, m. Alfred S. Wheeler.

Helen Maude, b. Oct. 21, 1917, m. George Alvin Estabrook.

BERRY

THOMAS C. BERRY, s. Thomas and Sarah Berry, b. Poland, Me. Aug. 12, 1834, d. Berlin Apr. 1, 1919; m. Alvina Sabra Wheeler, dau. William W. and Sabra (Wheeler) Wheeler, May 16, 1860. She b. Berlin Oct. 29, 1839, d. July 25, 1911. Mr. Berry came to Berlin about 1852. After marriage settled on the John Wheeler

place; house built about 1829, located on Highland St.; now (1957) occupied by Frederick R. Wheeler. Had:

Lelia (Addie) Ada, b. Jan. 16, 1861, d. Dec. 12, 1940.

Lulu Ann, b. Jan. 16, 1861, d. Jan. 17, 1861.

Lester Eliphas, b. Jan. 15, 1863, d. Feb. 22, 1946.

Adelia L., b. Dec. 1, 1870, m. Herbert L. Wheeler.

Cora A., b. July 7, 1879.

BETTS

HENRY MELBURN BETTS, s. Henderson and Emily B. (Betts) Betts, b. Middleboro, Nova Scotia June 26, 1864, d. Berlin Mar. 10, 1949; m. Alice Louise Guertin, dau. Theodore and Clara Estelle (Sawyer) Guertin, Sept. 1, 1889. She b. Berlin Oct. 7, 1868, d. Apr. 29, 1941. Her father d. Oct. 8, 1912, her mother d. Feb. 25, 1919. Had:

Rena E., b. Hudson July 12, 1890, d. Worcester Dec. 9, 1915.

Reneldo Henderson, b. Berlin Feb. 2, 1892.

Clara B., b. Leominster Sept. 3, 1893, m. Hector Alfred Liberty.

Theodore A., b. Sterling, Feb. 2, 1896, res. Berlin.

Anna P., b. Sterling, Feb. 1, 1900, res. Berlin.

Edgerton A., b. Lancaster Oct. 25, 1902.

Milburn R., b. Berlin Jan. 5, 1904, d. Mar. 16, 1904.

Bessie B., b. Marlboro Nov. 29, 1906, m. Miller Nelson Boucher, Worcester.

Eloi D., b. Worcester Apr. 13, 1927, d. Berlin May 22, 1947.

BIDWELL

NORMAN EDWARD BIDWELL, m. Marcelle Brewer, dau. Leon A. and Florence B. (Roys) Brewer, Mar. 10, 1946. Had:

Caroline Amanda, b. Nov. 9, 1950.

Norman John, b. Apr. 11, 1952.

Susan Melinda, b. Dec. 19, 1955.

BLANCHETTE

GEORGE EDWARD BLANCHETTE, m. Enid Evelyn Blenkhorn, dau. Charles B. and Lydia May Blenkhorn, 1944. Had:

Betty Jane, b. Dec. 24, 1944.

Gail Ann, b. Nov. 12, 1945.

BLENKHORN

CHARLES BLANCHARD BLENKHORN, s. Isaac and Catherine (Lovely) Blenkhorn, b. Nova Scotia May 2, 1881; m. Lydia May Blenkhorn, dau. William and Rebecca (Sanford) Blenkhorn, Mar. 1, 1905. She b. Nova Scotia Oct. 14, 1881. Family came to Berlin from Hudson in 1939. Had:

Robert Freeman, b. Oct. 1, 1906, m. Florence B. Richardson.

Leila May, b. July 1, 1909, m. Lawrence Cotter.

Harold Russell, b. Jan. 11, 1912, m. Myrtle Rogers.

Laura Pearl, b. May 24, 1916, m. Milton Wilson.

Glendon H., b. May 16, 1920, m. Matilda T. Polich

Enid Evelyn, b. May 7, 1922, m. George Edward Blanchette.

GLENDON H. BLENKHORN, s. Charles B. and Lydia May Blenkhorn; m. Matilda T. Polich July 12, 1946. Had:

Wayne Charles, b. June 9, 1947.

George Burton, b. Mar. 27, 1949.

Ronald Glenn, b. Oct. 27, 1950.

HAROLD RUSSELL BLENKHORN, s. Charles B. and Lydia May Blenkhorn; m. Myrtle Gladys Rogers, dau. Walter Francis and Anna Bates (Ferguson) Rogers, Nov. 28, 1935. She b. Feb. 27, 1917; her mother d. Feb. 8, 1934. Had:

Beverly Ann, b. Apr. 19, 1939.

Walter Russell, b. May 10, 1943.

Harold, b. 1946.

Helen, b. 1953.

Debra Ellyn, b. Nov. 7, 1957.

BLISS

BOSWELL BLISS. The first of this line to settle in Berlin lived on Highland St. where Samuel W. Stammers now (1958) lives. The ancestral line traces back to Thomas Bliss of England through his s. John Bliss, b. Hartford, Conn. 1640; s. Ebenezer Bliss, b. Longmeadow, Mass. 1683; s. Stephen Bliss, b. Wilbraham, Mass. 1732; s. Gideon Bliss, b. Wilbraham, Mass. 1766.

Said BOSWELL BLISS, s. Gideon and Mary (Woodworth) Bliss, b. Monson, Mass. Mar. 15, 1791, d. Berlin Apr. 30, 1869; m. Lydia

Chase, dau. Jacob and Matilda Chase, Sept. 27, 1815. She b. June 9, 1795, d. Berlin Jan. 15, 1872, bur. Bolton.

EDWARD FLINT BLISS, s. Boswell and Lydia Bliss, b. Berlin July 4, 1821; m. Susan H. Evarts Jan. 4, 1847; she b. June 12, 1826.

SEBERTRUM E. BLISS, s. Edward F. and Susan (Evarts) Bliss, b. South Hadley Falls, Mass. June 15, 1848; m. Fanny Jane Little Sept. 1, 1869, she b. May 13, 1850.

DR. JESSE L. BLISS, s. Sebertrum E. and Fanny J. (Little) Bliss, b. So. Hadley Falls, Mass. Sept. 6, 1870; m. Ruth Hillick, Thompsonville, Conn. Feb. 26, 1898. She b. Aug. 4, 1866.

SUSAN ELAINE BLISS, dau. Dr. Jesse L. and Fanny (Little) Bliss, b. Holyoke, Mass. Nov. 30, 1907; m. Alvin L. Gewinner in Nassau, N. Y. Aug. 21, 1932. He b. Holyoke, Mass. Feb. 2, 1903. Res. (1958) Amsterdam, N. Y.

HENRY HARRISON BLISS, s. Gideon and Mary (Woodworth) Bliss; m. Lucy M., dau. of Amory Sawyer, Sept. 27, 1840. He was a brother of Boswell Bliss.

CHARLES HENRY BLISS, s. Henry Harrison and Lucy M. (Sawyer) Bliss, b. Berlin Aug. 16, 1841, d. Oct. 30, 1903; m. Martha Augusta Staples, dau. of William Ingraham and Sarah Ann (Knight) Staples, Sept. 28, 1860. She b. Mar. 30, 1843, d. Norwich, Conn. Aug. 17, 1925. Had:

Lucy E., b. Mar. 14, 1861, m. Frank E. Gammon, res. Falmouth, Me.

Mary Grace, b. Jan. 4, 1863, m. Arthur F. Sawyer.

Maud Ethel, b. Apr. 2, 1871, m. Frederick Grant Bliss, res. Norwich, Conn.

Helen Agnes, b. July 19, 1875, d. May 18, 1952, m. Dr. Clifton R. Chamberlain of Marlboro. He d. Jan. 26, 1940.

Helena Augusta, b. July 19, 1875, m. Lawrence L. Winde, res. Winchester.

2m. Clifton Walcott, res. Barre.

The Charles H. Bliss homestead was on Pleasant St., now (1958) occupied by Lewis R. Paine. It was built by Rev. David R.

Lampson (1834) and later owned by Henry H. Bliss (1848) and heirs.

CHARLES H. BLISS, s. Henry E. and Fransinia (Montgomery) Bliss, b. Lancaster, Sept. 25, 1877, died Berlin Jan. 15, 1959; m. Etta Estel Wood, dau. Levi P. and Minniva E. (Parker) Wood, June 20, 1908. She b. Lancaster Nov. 20, 1872, d. Berlin July 21, 1948. Came to Berlin June 29, 1923, settled on the 120 acre "Bruce-Carr" place of West St. The same was sold to Linwood F. Hart in 1949.

BOSSELMAN

JOHN WILLIAM BOSSELMAN, s. Henry and Mary (Saddler) Bosselman, b. Boston Oct. 21, 1871, d. Apr. 21, 1932; m. Florence M. Matheson, dau. Malcolm and Florence (McCloud) Matheson, Mar. 1, 1901. She b. Breadalbane, Prince Edward Island Nov. 27, 1881. Came to Berlin in 1924. Had:

Harry Malcolm, b. Boston Aug. 9, 1906, d. Nov. 8, 1944, m. Phyllis L. Trecartin.

John William, Jr. b. Dedham Apr. 27, 1910, m. Eleanor M. Sawyer.

HARRY MALCOLM BOSSELMAN, s. John William and Florence M. (Matheson) Bosselman; m. Phyllis L. Trecartin, dau. Thomas and Mary (Stevens) Trecartin, May 8, 1932. She b. St. Johns, N.B. Oct. 26, 1908. Harry d. in service. Had:

John Edward, b. Jan. 1, 1933, m. Sabina J. Golas June 30, 1956.

Had: *Harry Malcolm*, b. Westford, Feb. 3, 1958.

Leslie Frances, b. Aug. 24, 1937.

Linda Mary, b. Nov. 23, 1941.

JOHN WILLIAM BOSSELMAN, Jr., s. John William and Florence M. (Matheson) Bosselman; m. Eleanor Mae Sawyer, dau. Walter A. and Mary E. (Mahan) Sawyer Sept. 11, 1937. Res. Boylston Rd., built new house in 1944. Had:

John William, 3rd, b. Oct. 24, 1938, m. Judith Abbott Kenworthy May 23, 1957. Had: Ronald Paul.

Dennis Paul, b. May 18, 1943.

Cheryl Ann, b. Nov. 30, 1945.

RICHARD W. BOSSELMAN, s. Henry and Mary (Saddler) Bos-

selman, b. Dorchester Jan. 27, 1887, d. July 14, 1956; m. Fannie Ann Seager Feb. 5, 1917. She b. Lowell, Nov. 30, 1887. Came to Berlin in 1924.

CHARLES WALDO BOSSELMAN, s. Henry and Mary (Saddler) Bosselman. Came to Berlin in 1924, built new house on West Street, now res. of Frederick G. Martin. He d. Jan. 18, 1946; m. Esther Marsh. Had:

Fred Bosselman, m. Olive Lang Aug. 7, 1951, res. Florida.

BOWEN

CYRUS ARCHIE BOWEN, s. Cyrus Adolphus and Elizabeth Miriah (Smith) Bowen, b. Providence, R. I. May 19, 1883, d. Berlin Feb. 18, 1952; m. May Holland West of Whitinsville, Oct. 3, 1908. She b. Washingtonville, O. May 5, 1885. Died in Berlin March 27, 1959. They came to Berlin in 1924; took charge of West Berlin Post Office, conducted Store and poultry business. Had:

Ruth May, b. Sept. 20, 1909, m. E. Carl Parmenter Apr. 15, 1933.

Olive Eloise, b. Mar. 20, 1911, m. Jerry Simon LaPorte Sept. 2, 1939.

CHARLES THOMAS MOFFETT, brother-in-law of Mr. Bowen, resided with them, d. Berlin Nov. 15, 1950.

BOWERS

GEORGE BOWERS, s. John and Sarah Ann (Barker) Bowers, b. Landbeach (Cambridgeshire) England, Feb. 24, 1868, d. Hudson Dec. 23, 1937; m. Catherine Moore of Clinton May 30, 1904. She d. Hudson Feb. 22, 1937, age 72 yrs. 8 mos. He came to Berlin in 1900 and settled on the farm on Linden St., which was purchased by Arthur P. LaPorte in 1921.

GEORGE W. BOYD (a foster son), s. William J. and Sarah (McMaster) Boyd, b. Oxford May 10, 1905, d. Hudson Oct. 18, 1937; m. Lucy Stone. Had:

Barbara A., b. Hudson.

Claire A., b. Hudson.

George W. Jr., b. Hudson.

EMMA BOWERS, dau. John and Sarah Ann (Barker) Bowers, b. Landbeach (Cambridgeshire) England Feb. 28, 1876, d. Berlin Feb. 28, 1956. She was living with her nephew, Charles A. Fromant of Crosby Rd.

BRADLEY

HARRY FARWELL BRADLEY, s. John Thaddeus and Mary Emeline (Farwell) Bradley, b. Somerville, May 20, 1893; m. Eva Gertrude Gardiner, dau. Edward Clifford and Annie Sophia (Wentzell) Gardiner, Aug. 24, 1925. She b. Feb. 8, 1900, Port Moulton, N. S. Had:

Jean Eleanor, b. July 14, 1926, m. Robert H. Guild.

John Edward, b. Nov. 11, 1927, m. Freda M. Freenan, July 2, 1956.

Helen Barbara, b. Sept. 18, 1929, m. Roger E. Wheeler.

Roger Leonard, b. Sept. 11, 1933, m. Valary Jean Butler.

Mary E. Bradley (Harry's mother) 2m Albert L. Tarbell, Jan. 7, 1910.

ROGER LEONARD BRADLEY, s. Harry F. and Eva G. (Gardiner) Bradley; m. Valary Jean Butler June 2, 1956. Had:

Roger Leonard, II, b. Dec. 3, 1956.

Edward Butler, b. Dec. 22, 1957.

Thomas Gardiner, b. Nov. 19, 1958.

BREWER

James Brewer of Sudbury; m. Deborah Moore (dau. Jacob Moore) about 1780 and lived on Highland Street, a little to the north and opposite the George R. Spofford house. The cellar hole is still visible. His son, John, b. here (Berlin) 1783; m. Dorcas Bruce (dau. John Bruce). Their son, Leonard (b. Boylston) was the father of Leonard W. Brewer who settled on Central St. opposite Brewer Rd. in 1866.

LEONARD W. BREWER, s. of Leonard and Adaline Brewer of Boylston; m. Harriet J. Walker of Northboro Oct. 2, 1866. Came to Berlin (1866), located on Central St. opposite Brewer Rd. She d. Sept. 10, 1908. He d. Feb. 20, 1922. Had:

Nellie F., b. Aug. 23, 1868, m. George E. Keizer.

Mabel H., b. Dec. 18, 1869, m. Alfred Hapgood of Hudson, Dec. 31, 1890.

Arthur L., b. Dec. 4, 1871, m. Cora E. Wheeler.

Frank W., b. June 21, 1876, m. Etta J. (Westover) Booth.

Alfred D., b. Sept. 6, 1878, m. Julia C. Walcott.

Ruth E., b. June 15, 1883, m. William E. Speaker.

ARTHUR L. BREWER, s. Leonard W. and Harriet J. (Walker) Brewer; m. Cora Emily Wheeler, dau. Samuel and Emily (Bruce) Wheeler, Dec. 4, 1891. She d. Apr. 22, 1929. He d. July 6, 1938. Had:

Leon Arthur, b. June 23, 1893, m. Florence B. Roys.

Jeanette Cora, b. Aug. 13, 1902, m. Kendall E. Andrews.

Harriet Helen, b. Feb. 19, 1910, m. Warren G. Field.

LEON ARTHUR BREWER, s. Arthur L. and Cora E. (Wheeler) Brewer; m. Florence Belle Roys, dau. Frederick D. and Mary A. (Poland) Roys, Aug. 19, 1919. Had:

Leonard Arthur, b. Sept. 22, 1920, d. Oct. 23, 1936.

Marcelle, b. Jan. 2, 1924, m. Norman Edward Bidwell.

FRANK WALKER BREWER, s. Leonard W. and Harriet J. (Walker) Brewer; m. Etta J. (Westover) Booth, wid of Walter Henderson Booth. She d. July 26, 1915. Had:

Frank Leonard, b. July 26, 1915, d. July 21, 1944.

Pearl Jane Emily Booth, dau. Walter and Etta (Westover) Booth, b. Dec. 21, 1903, m. Sidney Francis Lloyd Feb. 19, 1922.

Paul Henderson Booth, s. Walter and Etta (Westover) Booth, b. June 29, 1906.

2m. of Frank W. Brewer to Irene Eloise (Hunter) Long, Aug. 1, 1925.

Virginia Merle Matthews, a maternal granddaughter to Irene (Hunter) Long, m. Leon R. Turmaine of Lancaster Mar. 3, 1940.

ALFRED DURSTON BREWER, s. Leonard W. and Harriet J. (Walker) Brewer; m. Julia C. Walcott, dau. Marshall and Clara Susan (Whitcomb) Walcott, Jan. 28, 1902. She b. Sept. 19, 1882. He d. Nov. 17, 1952. Had:

Alfred Marshall, b. Aug. 6, 1902, d. Oct. 27, 1902.

Ruth Mabel, b. July 23, 1903, m. Leonard R. Mungeam.

Clifton Walcott, b. Aug. 21, 1904, m. Helen L. Estabrook.

Hazel Harriet, b. Sept. 8, 1905, m. Earle A. Wheeler.

The house of Alfred D. Brewer was built by Samuel Jones, Jr., son of "Land'ord" Jones, around the year 1777. This was the year of his marriage to Martha Fay and they settled on part of his father's farm. Martha (Fay) Jones died on Oct. 1, 1831 and the place was owned by Oliver Fosgate until 1875, when it was sold to Nahum W. Fay. He in turn sold it to his son-in-law, Willis Rice, in 1880. Mr. Rice owned it until 1905, when it was sold to Benjamin Wright. But the ownership soon reverted to Mr. Rice and remained in his possession until 1910, when it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Brewer. In 1955, the property was sold to Edmund Hoffmann, who sold the house to Arthur P. Lange.

CLIFTON WALCOTT BREWER, s. Alfred D. and Julia C. (Walcott) Brewer; m. Helen Louise Estabrook, dau. Herbert C. and Florence L. (Wilder) Estabrook, May 28, 1930. She b. Jan. 15, 1912. Had:

Corinne Helen, b. Mar. 6, 1931, m. Milton Arthur Landin Sept. 6, 1953.

Doris Arline, b. Nov. 2, 1932, m. Robert Eldon Clemmer, Dec. 29, 1951.

Shirley Ann, b. Sept. 13, 1934, m. Edward J. Lipka, July 4, 1958.

Alfred Walcott, b. April 5, 1937, m. Edith A. Nutting, May 3, 1958. Dau. Cynthia Alisa born April 7, 1959. They have bought land on Highland St., in the locale of the original homestead of James Brewer, who settled there in 1780, with plans for building.

BRIDGES

FAY LOUIS BRIDGES, s. William W. and Anna Rebecca (Haywood) Bridges, b. Athens, Vt. June 4, 1885; m. Bertha C. Vaughn, dau. Clarence Elliott and Mary I. (Hamilton) Vaughn, Sept. 22, 1917. Came to Berlin from Gardner in 1921 and located on the Clarence Spofford place of Derby Rd. Had:

May Emilia, b. Athol May 4, 1918, m. Vaughn Edwin Stone April 18, 1941. Res. Worcester. Had:

Judith May, b. Sept. 1, 1944.

Marcia Lee, b. Oct. 11, 1946.

Vaughn Edwin, Jr., b. Jan. 26, 1948.

Ardelle Harriette, b. Mar. 18, 1925, m. Roger Francis Rice
Nov. 7, 1946. Res. Worcester. Had:

Roger Francis, Jr., b. June 16, 1947.

Michael Edward, b. May 29, 1951.

Dianne Marie, b. Aug. 13, 1955.

Sheila Ann, b. Sept. 3, 1957.

Ruth Alta, b. Mar. 20, 1930, m. Frederick R. Wheeler.

BRODEUR, CARL A.

See "Warbin, Winfield Ernest"

BULLARD

ETHELBERT M. BULLARD, s. Mason and Mary J. (Turner) Bullard, b. Knowlton, Que. July 13, 1879, d. Jan. 22, 1945; m. Laura E. Lund, dau. Lorenzo and Angelia (Cole) Lund, Dec. 26, 1900. She b. Newark, Vt. Mar. 6, 1882. He came to Berlin in 1908; was farm supervisor for: Levi Cooley, C. G. Shirmer (1911), Henry H. Harper (1916), and since 1922 for C. E. Cotting on the Chedco Farms, Inc. Mrs. E. M. Bullard res. Clinton, Mass. Had:

Lawrence M., b. Dec. 30, 1910, m. Joyce Marguerite Hobert of New York City, Aug. 31, 1938. They had:

Nancy H., b. June 8, 1942.

Eleanor M., March 1, 1947.

Lena Marion, b. Aug. 18, 1912, m. Roland Bachelder Plummer, s. Walter F. and Dora C. (Bachelder) Plummer, June 11, 1933. He b. Newbury, Mass., Nov. 3, 1907. Herdsman at Chedco Farms, Inc.

BURKE

WILLIAM FRANCIS BURKE, b. Boston, Mar. 31, 1856; m. Carrie Mable Wilkins, dau. Rufus and Abigail (Priest) Wilkins. She b. June 17, 1859, d. June 23, 1933. He d. Dec. 1 1938. They had:

W. Ernest, b. Sept. 25, 1886.

Frank A., b. 1888, res. Boston, m. Minnie Lendall.

Harry C., b. Jan. 27, 1890, m. Mae F. Webb.

Lloyd L., b. May 2, 1896, m. Gladys Campbell, res. Providence.

Anna M., b. Nov. 25, 1898.

Doris M., b. Aug. 6, 1900, m. Arthur Clinton Wetherbee.

HARRY C. BURKE, s. William F. and Carrie M. (Wilkins) Burke; m. Mae F. Webb, dau. William and Margaret (Fahyee) Webb, July 22, 1924. She b. Mar. 12, 1902. Had:

Francis C., b. Dec. 1, 1926, m. Alice E. Wheeler.

FRANCIS CARLTON BURKE, s. Harry C. and Mae F. (Webb) Burke; m. Alice Effie Wheeler, dau. Clifford H. and Addie E. (Mahan) Wheeler, Nov. 23, 1946. Had:

Judith Elizabeth, b. Oct. 24, 1950.

Francis Carlton, Jr., b. June 18, 1954.

BURNHAM

CLARENCE WALTER BURNHAM, s. George Burnham of Epsom, N. H., b. Feb. 13, 1886, d. Dec. 17, 1926. Came to Berlin with family in May of 1921; sawyer at S. W. Wheeler mills of Pleasant St. He m. Gertrude Grace Brown of Salford, Suffolk Co., England, Feb. 1911. She b. Mar. 2, 1892, d. Dec. 13, 1936. Had:

Harold Albert, b. May 26, 1912, m. Ethel Mary Allen, res. Holden.

George William, b. Sept. 7, 1913, m. Elsie Cromb Apr. 25, 1936. res. West Upton.

Roscoe Arthur, b. Oct. 2, 1914, m. Carrie Cromb, Sept. 30, 1933, res. Northboro. Carrie d. Aug. 3, 1955; 2m. Ruth E. Norton Sept. 7, 1957.

Frank John, b. Jan. 13, 1916. Res. E. St. Louis, Ill.

Rosebelle Victoria, b. May 3, 1918, m. Frank Blair Mar. 31, 1957. Res. E. Hartford, Conn.

Walter Henry, b. Dec. 9, 1920. res. Lake Pleasant, Mass.

John Henry, b. Sept. 20, 1921, d. Oct. 23, 1921.

HAROLD ALBERT BURNHAM, s. Clarence Walter and Gertrude G. (Brown) Burnham; m. Ethel Mary Allen, dau. of Walter M. and Dorothy (Pierce) Allen, March 11, 1938. Had:

Clarence Walter, b. Mar. 25, 1939.

Harold Frank, b. Dec. 28, 1940.

CARPENTER

GEORGE HERBERT CARPENTER, s. Orin F. and Laura E. (Mar-
ean) Carpenter, b. Saco, Me. April 28, 1874, d. Marlboro Aug.
16, 1949. His mother d. Berlin Dec. 29, 1912. He m. Janett L.
Lasselle, dau. Frank C. and Catherine B. (Lanphere) Lasselle,
in Berlin Dec. 8, 1897. He came to Berlin from West Boylston
in 1894; became Station Agent at So. Berlin, later at West Berlin
(Carter's) from 1919 to its closing in 1933. He also served on
police duty during construction of Wachusett Aquaduct (1895-
98). Conducted a monument business, headquarters on West
St. Old monument stones were exhumed at the site in 1954 where
Raymond F. Stone built his new house. Had:

Katherine Lanphere, b. Apr. 8, 1899, m. Clarence Robertson
Lamson, of Hudson, Sept. 9, 1922. He d. Mar. 4, 1951. They
had: Patricia Janett Lamson, b. Jan. 28, 1928, m. Terrance E.
Lively of Westboro Oct. 27, 1946.

Frank Orin, b. Jan. 13, 1904, m. Catherine K. Stent Aug. 4,
1925; res. Manchester, Conn.

Arthur Ellsworth, b. Oct. 14, 1905, m. Doris E. Parker Aug. 29,
1942; res. Jamaica Plain, Mass.

FRANK O. CARPENTER, s. George H. and Janett (Lasselle)
Carpenter; m. Catherine K. Stent of Marlboro Aug. 4, 1925. Had:

Bryce Kent, b. Mar. 23, 1926.

Virginia Marie, b. Apr. 10, 1927.

Natalie Ann, b. Apr. 18, 1928.

Donn Alan, b. Sept. 11, 1929.

William Dana, b. Jan. 22, 1934.

Sandra L., b. Sept. 1943.

Wife Catherine d. Dec. 30, 1945.

2m. Estelle Biccum Feb. 1, 1947. Res. Manchester, Conn.

ARTHUR E. CARPENTER, s. George H. and Janett (Lasselle)
Carpenter, M. Doris E. Parker of Jamaica Plain, Mass. Aug. 29,
1942. Had:

Arthur Frederick, b. June 14, 1945.

Susan Janett, b. July 26, 1947.

Janet Christine, b. Nov. 29, 1951.

CARTER

- I. Stanton Carter, s. Rev. Samuel Carter of Lancaster, b. 1738, m. 1762, d. 1823.
- II. Daniel Carter, b. 1762, m. 1785, d. 1824.
- II. Sanderson Carter, b. 1764, m. 1788, d. 1841.
- III. Amory Carter, s. Daniel, b. 1785, m. 1808, d. 1815.
- III. Lewis Carter, s. Daniel, b. 1796, m. 1821, d. 1878.
- III. Chandler Carter, s. Daniel, b. 1808, m. 1839, d. 1891 (Berlin's benefactor).
- IV. Amory Carter, Jr., s. Amory, b. 1813, m. 1839, d. 1892 (Sawyer family record).
- IV. Lewis Lincoln Carter, s. Lewis, b. 1822, m. 1849, d. 1910.
- IV. Silas Rufus Carter, s. Lewis, b. 1828, m. 1856, d. 1917.
- IV. Jonas Hale Carter, s. Lewis, b. 1840, m. 1871, d. 1922.
- V. Sidney B. Carter, s. Lewis L., b. 1852, m. 1878, d. 1924 (see family record).
- V. Lewis Paul Carter, s. Lewis L., b. 1856, m. 1881, d. 1920.
- V. Silas Rolla Carter, s. Silas Rufus, b. 1868, m. 1895, d. 1913 (see family record).
- V. Eugene Francis Carter, s. Silas Rufus, b. 1860, m. 1891.
- V. Lemuel Draper Carter, s. Jonas H., b. 1873, m. 1899, d. 1939, (see family record).
- V. Eva L. (Carter) Ordway, dau. Jonas H., b. 1881, m. 1906, d. 1956 (see family record).
- VI. Milton P. Carter, s. Lewis P., b. 1892, m. 1922.
- VI. Willard Minot Carter, s. Eugene Francis, b. 1903, m. 1932 (see family record).

JONAS H. CARTER, s. Lewis and Sarah (Sawyer) Carter, b. Jan. 23, 1840, d. Sept. 24, 1922; m. Annetta L. Draper Nov. 30, 1871, she d. Dec. 4, 1904. Had:

Lemuel D., b. Oct. 25, 1873, d. Mar. 27, 1939, m. Fannie Belle Ray July 26, 1899, she d. Apr. 30, 1912. 2m. Ellen L. Allen Oct. 30, 1913.

Eva L., b. April 6, 1881, m. Alfred F. Ordway Mar. 16, 1906.

LEMUEL DRAPER CARTER, s. Jonas H. and Annetta L. (Draper) Carter, b. Oct. 25, 1872, d. Mar. 27, 1939; m. Fannie Belle Ray July 26, 1899. She d. Apr. 30, 1912. Had:

Annetta Mary, b. Oct. 28, 1900, m. Harold L. Raymond June 30, 1930, res. Orlando, Fla.

2m. Ellen Lovisa Allen, dau. Elmer and Mary Allen, Oct. 30, 1913. Had:

Jonas Ellsworth, b. Oct. 3, 1915, m. Dorothy Ruth Sites of Clinton, Iowa.

JONAS ELLSWORTH CARTER, s. Lemuel D. and Ellen L. Carter; m. Dorothy Ruth Sites June 22, 1946. Res. West Upton, Mass. Had:

Vicki Diane, b. Mar. 21, 1947.

Steven Chandler, b. April 20, 1949.

Cathi Joy, b. Mar. 27, 1951.

Debbi Sue, b. Nov. 22, 1952.

SIDNEY BRIGHAM CARTER, s. Lewis Lincoln and Susan E. (Phelps) Carter, b. Sept. 23, 1852, d. May 22, 1924; m. Julia Etta Fosgate, dau. George W. and Eunice C. (Dodge) Fosgate, Dec. 25, 1878. She b. July 18, 1857, d. Aug. 15, 1916. Had:

Ruea Etta, b. Feb. 16, 1887, m. Ralph B. Small Jan. 9, 1915; he d. Nov. 18, 1937. 2m. John Leslie Shaw of Hudson, Sept. 4, 1943.

George Lincoln, b. March 16, 1891, m. Gladys Leslie of Springfield.

SILAS ROLLA CARTER, s. Silas Rufus and Emily (Crowell) Carter (she d. Feb. 21, 1916, he d. Aug. 15, 1917), b. Apr. 8, 1868, d. Jan. 29, 1913; m. Ellen (Nellie) C. Garrity, dau. James and Bridget Garrity Sept. 18, 1895. She d. Berlin Dec. 7, 1870. Sold home place of West St. and moved to Hudson 1957. She is an "honorary" charter member of the Tuesday Club and was a Library Trustee (1904-1931).

MILTON P. CARTER, s. Lewis Paul and Ada E. (Simonds), b. Sept. 4, 1892 in Worcester; m. Marion F. Fillmore, dau. Calvin J. and Mary (Hannon) Fillmore Dec. 3, 1922. She b. Foxboro, Mass. Sept. 4, 1895.

WILLARD MINOT CARTER, s. Eugene Francis and Georginia (Hendrix) Carter, b. Norwalk, Conn. Oct. 10, 1903; m. Edna

Margaret Waterbury, dau. Willard Cyrus and Margaret S. (Whitlock) Waterbury, July 2, 1932. She b. Bridgeport, Conn. Feb. 2, 1906. Had:

Willard Ray, b. Norwalk, Conn. July 16, 1933.

Margaret Lucy, b. Norwalk, Conn. May 23, 1936, m. James Albert Garrity, Oct. 5, 1957.

CHAPDELAINE

ARTHUR EDWARD CHAPDELAINE, s. Arthur D. and Lydia (Seymour) Chapdelaine, b. Marlboro, Jan. 20, 1918; m. Claire Y. Bouffard, dau. Louis and Emma (Boule) Bouffard, Sept. 9, 1946. She b. Sept. 30, 1917. Res. Coburn Rd.

CLARK

ARTHUR HERMAN CLARK, s. Arthur E. (d. Feb. 19, 1955) and Lilla G. (Harris) (d. Northwood, N. H. Apr. 27, 1938) Clark, b. Berlin, Sept. 14, 1899. Res. Sawyer Hill Rd. (Foster Bros. Place) 1898-1913. He m. Nov. 23, 1917 Pearl Caroline Hastings, dau. Lewis A. (d. July 3, 1937) and Nettie M. (Lackey) (d. Jan. 16, 1946) Hastings. Had:

Arthur Herman, Jr., b. Oct. 31, 1918.

Harold Leonard, b. July 11, 1921.

Wesley Everett, b. Apr. 29, 1923, m. Angela Szczepkowski Nov. 19, 1941.

Richard Burton, b. July 8, 1925.

Gardner Fred, b. May 12, 1930, m. Carol Merietta Still, June 23, 1951.

Kenneth Earl, b. Dec. 10, 1931, m. Doris Elizabeth Hunter Sept. 6, 1958.

CLEMMER

ROBERT ELDON CLEMMER, m. Doris Arline Brewer, dau. Clifton W. and Helen L. (Estabrook) Brewer Dec. 29, 1951. Had:

Gail Florence, b. Dec. 30, 1952.

Keith Robert, b. Feb. 24, 1955.

Robin Marie, b. Mar. 18, 1957.

COLDWELL

PERCY ROY COLDWELL, s. Charles Coldwell, b. Gaspereau, N. S. Nov. 1, 1882, d. Berlin Oct. 15, 1948; m. Marjorie Louise Sawyer,

dau. Charles M. and Julia Ida (Bassett) Sawyer, Aug. 27, 1913.
Had:

Norman Sawyer, b. Nov. 14, 1916, m. Miriam Frances Dupree.
Robert Bassett, b. May 2, 1919, m. Barbara Wyman Fitton.
John Patterson, b. Sept. 14, 1925, d. May 14, 1926.
Jane Patience, b. Sept. 14, 1925, d. May 8, 1926.

NORMAN SAWYER COLDWELL, s. Percy R. and Marjorie L. (Sawyer) Coldwell; m. Miriam Frances Dupree, dau. Lester B. and Mabelle F. (Brigham) Dupree, Oct. 27, 1940. She b. Hudson.
Had:

Judith Frances, b. Sept. 14, 1941.
Linda Norma, b. Aug. 25, 1943.
Diane Marie, b. Apr. 13, 1946.
Douglas John, b. June 30, 1947.
Barry Alan, b. Aug. 12, 1952.

ROBERT BASSETT COLDWELL, s. Percy R. and Marjorie L. (Sawyer) Coldwell; m. Barbara Wyman Fitton, dau. John Joseph and Naomi Hartshorn (Gleason) Fitton, Nov. 26, 1942. She b. Groton Feb. 1, 1922. Had:

Susan, b. June 3, 1944.
Peter Reid, b. Sept. 27, 1945.
Betsy, b. Apr. 18, 1947.
Mark Wyman, b. June 8, 1950.
Martha, b. Apr. 24, 1952.

COLE

WALTER COLE, of Bolton, b. Mar. 9, 1862; came to Berlin in 1904; d. July 18, 1933; m. Bertha M. Wheeler, dau. Robert B. and Nancy M. (Wheeler) Wheeler, Sept. 17, 1890. She b. Oct. 28, 1869, d. Dec. 9, 1938. Had:

Raymond Walter, b. May 26, 1892, m. Marion S. Barter.
Chester Edmund, b. Apr. 26, 1899, m. Laura Elms Bickford.
Mabel L., b. June 27, 1895, m. Walter H. Werk, Res. Polson, Mont.

RAYMOND WALTER COLE, s. Walter and Bertha (Wheeler) Cole; m. Marion S. Barter, dau. James W. and Carrie (Gleason) Barter Aug. 2, 1917. Had:

Carolyn Maude, b. Sept. 22, 1925, d. Feb. 10, 1927.

Marjorie Christine, b. Mar. 27, 1928, m. Emilio Anthony Rosiello, s. Emilio and Theresa Rosiello, Sept. 5, 1951. Res. Shrewsbury, Mass. Had:

Thomas Anthony, b. Mar. 24, 1954.

Paul James, b. June 17, 1959.

CHESTER EDMUND COLE, s. Walter and Bertha (Wheeler) Cole; m. Laura Elms Bickford, dau. Carl L. and Ethel (Taylor) Bickford, July 3, 1929. She was b. Bolton July 2, 1907. Had:

Alice Laura, b. Mar. 21, 1930, m. Raymond I. Wheeler July 25, 1958. Mr. Chester E. Cole resides at the homestead of Jonathan and Mary (Buffum) Wheeler of 1775 and therefore the Annual Wheeler Reunion is generally held under the "Maples" of the "Lotta Rocks" Farm.

COLLINS

JOHN COLLINS, s. of John (d. Oct. 20, 1887) and Mary (Ahern) (d. Aug. 2, 1886) Collins of Ireland. Born Northboro Aug. 2, 1862, d. Berlin July 19, 1904. Came to Berlin in 1868 and settled on Joel Procter farm of Lancaster Road; m. Mary A. McNulty, dau. James A. and Mary E. (Caveny) McNulty, April 22, 1890. She b. Lawrence Feb. 1, 1872, d. Berlin Jan. 10, 1943. Had:

John Francis, b. Mar. 27, 1891, d. Aug. 25, 1891.

James Raymond, b. May 10, 1892, d. Feb. 15, 1956.

Benjamin Harold, b. May 26, 1894, d. Sept. 9, 1894.

Edward Leroy, b. Aug. 9, 1895, m. Catherine A. Hastings.

Joseph Leo, b. May 13, 1898, d. Sept. 14, 1898.

Mary Gertrude, b. May 3, 1901, m. Harold J. Long June 4, 1923. Had:

Dorothy Marie, b. June 21, 1935.

William Henry, b. Apr. 8, 1904.

EDWARD LEROY COLLINS, s. John and Mary A. (McNulty) Collins; m. Catherine Agatha Hastings, dau. John and Nora (Kittredge) Hastings Sept. 16, 1918. She b. Clinton Sept. 17, 1893. They reconstructed the "Old Stone House" of Peach Hill Rd. in 1947 and resided there until 1957. Had:

John Edward, b. June 18, 1919, m. Katherine E. Noonan.

Francis Leroy, b. Jan. 29, 1921, m. Thelma Mae Ellis.

Joseph Leo, b. Aug. 13, 1922, d. Feb. 5, 1943.

Mary Esther, b. Mar. 30, 1928, m. James Martin Hoban, Jr. Aug. 19, 1950. Had:

James Martin Hoban 3rd, b. June 10, 1951.

Jean, b. July 16, 1952.

Kathleen, b. Feb. 27, 1956.

James Hastings, b. Apr. 10, 1931, m. Dorothy Eleanor Murphy.

JOHN EDWARD COLLINS, s. Edward Leroy and Catherine A. (Hastings) Collins; m. Katherine E. Noonan, dau. Edward J. and Mary A. (Garritty) Noonan of Haverhill, on Aug. 23, 1941. Had:

Katherine M., b. Aug. 30, 1948.

John Robert, b. Mar. 5, 1950, d. June 7, 1951.

Judith Ann, b. Apr. 9, 1953.

FRANCIS LEROY COLLINS, s. Edward Leroy and Catherine A. (Hastings) Collins; m. Thelma Mae Ellis, dau. of Roy and Lillian Ellis, Aug. 24, 1946. Had:

Francis Roy, Sept. 17, 1947

Joseph Leo, b. June 26, 1950.

Mary Ann, b. Mar. 11, 1953.

Edward Paul, b. Mar. 11, 1956

JAMES HASTINGS COLLINS, s. Edward Leroy and Catherine A. (Hastings) Collins; m. Dorothy Eleanor Murphy, dau. James Joseph and Rose (McCoy) Murphy, May 25, 1953. Had:

Patricia, b. May 12, 1955.

James Joseph, b. Sept. 14, 1956.

Susan Mary, b. Apr. 21, 1959.

COOLIDGE

JOHN COOLIDGE, JR., s. John and Arline Beatrice (Woodbury) Coolidge, b. Hudson; m. Gwenneth Willard. Had:

Lisa, b. Hudson Oct. 20, 1952.

Stacie, b. Hudson Oct. 19, 1953.

John Howard, b. Dec. 28, 1954.

Bruce Willard, b. Feb. 29, 1956.

ERIC WOODBURY COOLIDGE, s. John and Arline Beatrice (Woodbury) Coolidge, b. Hudson; m. June Sylveia Stone, dau. Raymond F. and Sylveia E. (Crowell) Stone, Oct. 28, 1951. Had:

Lynda Lee, b. Aug. 10, 1952.

Denise, b. Sterling Mar. 7, 1954.

Robert Woodbury, b. Dec. 6, 1955.

CORMAN

JOHN WILLIAM CORMAN, JR., s. John W. and Anne E. (Salmonson) Corman, b. Framingham June 10, 1921; m. Rachel May Jackson, dau. Brittan A. and Florence E. (Felton) Jackson, Dec. 12, 1946. Had:

Keith Alton, b. Dec. 3, 1951.

Kenneth Alvin, b. Dec. 3, 1951.

Beverly Jean, b. Feb. 26, 1954.

Andrew Brittan, b. Mar. 15, 1955.

Glenn Scott, b. May 5, 1959.

COTTER

LAWRENCE FRANKLIN COTTER, s. Thomas and Talitha (Russell) Cotter, b. New Brunswick Sept. 25, 1901; m. Leila May Blenkhorn, dau. Charles B. and Lydia May Blenkhorn, Nov. 17, 1928. Came to Berlin in 1938. Had:

Carolyn Elaine, b. Dec. 3, 1942.

COTTING

CHARLES EDWARD COTTING, s. Charles Edward and Ruth S. T. Cotting, b. Boston May 15, 1889. In 1922 Mr. Cotting purchased the 104 acres, with buildings, of Charles G. Schirmer on Sawyer Hill. This, with the addition of some 400 acres and utility buildings, has developed into the Chedco Farm, Inc. Here is maintained a registered guernsey dairy farm, and the apple orchards cover over 100 acres with a storage and packing house. He m. Sarah Winslow, dau. Arthur and Mary (Devereux) Winslow, July 26, 1939. She b. Jefferson City, Mo., June 16, 1893. They maintain their summer home on Sawyer Hill.

COULSON

ISAAC EDMUND COULSON, s. Thomas and Mary A. (Eason) Coulson, b. England, May 23, 1869, d. Jan. 10, 1947; m. Carrie Persis Jones, dau. Ira and Mary E. (Frink) Jones, Apr. 11, 1893. She b. Apr. 11, 1869, d. Sept. 20, 1921. Had:

Cyril Edmund, b. Mar. 4, 1894, m. Miriam Bullard, res. Tucson, Ariz.

Ruth Gladys, b. Mar. 20, 1895, m. Henry True Folson, Oct. 29, 1921.

Adelbert Eason, b. Aug. 23, 1896, m. Miriam Pratt.

Ernest Boynton, b. Dec. 20, 1897, m. Ruth Marion Cook.

ADELBERT EASON COULSON, s. Isaac Edmund and Carrie P. (Jones) Coulson; m. Miriam Pratt, dau. Henry Dewitt and Lucy B. (Hapgood) Pratt, Feb. 17, 1923. Had:

Lucy Carrie, b. April 5, 1923, m. Oliver Henry LaBonte.

Henry Eason, b. Mar. 31, 1928, m. Muriel C. Radke.

Ernest Albert, b. May 2, 1935, m. Jean Elaine Butman May 3, 1958.

2m. Edith V. (Henry) VanLiew of Worcester, June 13, 1953.

HENRY EASON COULSON, s. Adelbert Eason and Miriam (Pratt) Coulson; m. Muriel C. Radke, dau. Charles J. and Caroline (Schilling) Radke, Sept. 29, 1951. She b. Oct. 24, 1929. Had:

Lori Ann, b. Clinton Apr. 2, 1951.

Janis Lorraine, b. Berlin May 1, 1953.

Dale Marie, b. Berlin July 30, 1954.

ERNEST BOYNTON COULSON, s. Isaac Edmund and Carrie Persis (Jones) Coulson; m. Ruth Marion Cook, dau. Charles Frederick and Thora Amelia (Thorgesen) Cook, Oct. 2, 1920. She b. Roxbury Jan. 8, 1901. Had:

Ernest Boynton Jr., b. Aug. 12, 1921, d. Aug. 12, 1921.

Thora Marion, b. Sept. 14, 1922, m. Arthur Tull Fieldsen June 23, 1946.

Ann Marie, b. Apr. 24, 1924.

Mrs. Thora A. (Thorgesen) Cook d. Berlin June 12, 1937.

CROSSMAN

FRANK H. CROSSMAN, s. John W. (d. July 21, 1886) and Evelina (Phelps) (d. Apr. 29, 1904) Crossman, b. Bolton Jan. 12, 1846, d. Feb. 25, 1932; m. Lelia Mira Farwell, dau. Abel and Sarah (Babcock) Farwell of Fitchburg, Jan. 12, 1870. She b. June 14, 1851, d. Jan. 31, 1937. Had:

Alice Bertha, b. July 29, 1872; m. Ernest A. Bickford June 5, 1895.

Walter Ivers, b. Nov. 5, 1874, d. June 1, 1957.

Harrison Austin, b. Sept. 21, 1876, m. Mabel E. Ware of Hudson.

Agnes Blanche, b. July 11, 1882, m. Carlton W. Howe of Hudson.

Kenneth Ward, b. July 14, 1896, m. Mildred Gray Howe.

HARRISON AUSTIN CROSSMAN, s. Frank H. and Leilia M. (Farwell) Crossman d. Mar. 20, 1951; m. Mabel E. Ware, dau. Philander H. and Sarah L. (Lewis) Ware of Hudson, May 27, 1898. She b. Hudson Jan. 4, 1879. Had:

Walter Stanley, b. Dec. 23, 1898, m. Vera Evelyn Haynes May 17, 1922.

Evelyn, b. Feb. 2, 1900, m. Burpee Edward Wallace July 25, 1943, he d. Jan. 1958. Res. Marlboro.

Lyman Ware, b. Mar. 12, 1901, m. Helen Mildred Travis May 18, 1923, he d. June 6, 1953.

Lelia Elizabeth, b. Aug. 15, 1904, m. Casper Winslow Hobbs.

John Waldo, b. July 10, 1907, m. Isabelle A. Vautrey Sept. 1, 1933.

Almon Hartwell, b. July 5, 1909, m. Mary E. Hastings July 1, 1931.

Alberta Lucinda, b. Mar. 18, 1915, m. Louis Edward Rockel Sept. 2, 1936.

William Jeffery, b. Dec. 15, 1917, m. Marion Dorothy Martin.

Ruth Marion, b. May 27, 1921, m. Donald A. Jacobs Apr. 5, 1940. 2 m. Joseph John Cabral 1946. Had:

James Anthony Cabral, b. Nov. 20, 1946.

Lelia Luttie, b. Oct. 21, 1949.

WILLIAM JEFFERY CROSSMAN, s. Harrison A. and Mabel E. (Ware) Crossman; m. Marion Dorothy Martin, dau. Albert E. and Evelyn (Richard) Martin, Feb. 11, 1939. She b. Clinton Sept. 21, 1919. Had:

Janice Marie, b. Aug. 10, 1939.

2m. Nina Rita Pace of Worcester, Sept. 6, 1947.

KENNETH WARD CROSSMAN, s. Frank H. and Lelia M. (Farwell) Crossman; m. Mildred Gray Howe, July 14, 1922, res. Long Island, N. Y. Had:

Shirley, b. Nov. 29, 1923, m. George Muss, Hatsboro, Pa.

Beverly, b. July 6, 1926, m. John Dillon, Hatsboro, Pa.

CUMMINGS

ALTON VERNON CUMMINGS, s. Howard A. and Geraldine (Beals) Cummings, b. May 6, 1930, Marlboro; m. Dora Marie Wheeler, dau. Earle A. and Hazel H. (Brewer) Wheeler, June 9, 1951. Had:

Cathy Ann, b. Apr. 20, 1952.

Wayne Alton, b. June 24, 1953.

DAVIS

GEORGE GARDNER DAVIS, s. Horatio E. and Jane Ingalls (Hall) Davis, b. Boston Aug. 6, 1847, d. Aug. 16, 1925; m. Mary True Perkins, dau. Alvin Trask and Eliza Abigail (Sevens) Perkins, at Lexington Sept. 27, 1871. She d. Sept. 24, 1907. Had:

Alice Gardner, b. Apr. 24, 1873, d. Sept. 24, 1873.

Ralph Gardner, b. Nov. 27, 1875, m. Sarah W. Coolidge.

RALPH GARDNER DAVIS, s. of George Gardner and Mary True (Perkins) Davis, came to Berlin with parents in 1892. Built the house on Central St. in 1895. He m. Sarah Winniefred Coolidge, dau. Walter and Sarah Ann (Ryder) Coolidge of Hudson July 15, 1896. She b. Dec. 6, 1873, d. Jan. 26, 1951. Had:

Iola, b. Aug. 22, 1896, d. Sept. 7, 1896.

Arthur Gorham, b. Apr. 11, 1899, m. Janet L. Berry of Marlboro June 21, 1925. They had:

Gardner Andrew, b. Aug. 20, 1925.

Virginia Ruth, b. Dec. 20, 1929, m. Robert Hanson of Fitchburg. They had:

Wendy Hanson, b. June 4, 1952.

Donna Lynn Hanson, b. Mar. 25, 1955.

Ruth Peabody, b. Nov. 13, 1901, m. Charles Merle Boyd May 5, 1929. 2m. Roy J. Hall Oct. 22, 1938; he d. May 19, 1944.

Gertrude, b. Aug. 31, 1905, d. Sept. 20, 1906.

Mary True, b. Mar. 11, 1909, d. Nov. 4, 1918.

Ward Gardner, b. June 29, 1916, m. Lorraine V. Morrell of Hudson Feb. 25, 1938. Had:

Ward Gardner, Jr., b. April 6, 1939.

Frederick Charles, b. June 20, 1943.

Mary True, b. Apr. 19, 1952.

JOE WILLIAM DAVIS, s. James Ernest and Martha Palmer (Bull) Davis, b. North Elba, N. Y. Oct. 15, 1901. Came to Berlin in 1940, with family, as supervisor of the "1790 Farm." He m. Catherine J. Wood, dau. Nelson Sanford and Johanne H. (Mahlstedt) Wood, Aug. 20, 1929. She b. Riverside, Calif. May 31, 1903. They had:

John Wood Davis, b. Lake Placid, N. Y. May 16, 1930, m.

Gloria Anne Rockhill of Malden Aug. 29, 1953. Had:

Valerie Wood, b. Boston Dec. 9, 1955.

Laura Rockhill, b. Washington, D. C. April 18, 1958.

Forrest Henry, b. Lake Placid, N. Y. Nov. 16, 1931, m. Marjorie E. Hall June 9, 1956. She b. Granby, Conn.

Milford Ernest, b. Lake Placid, N. Y. Nov. 17, 1931, m. Barbara Jean MacDonald Aug. 28, 1954. They had:

Glenn Scott, b. Tampa, Fla. Aug. 13, 1955.

Jodi Ann, b. Everett, Wash., Jan. 6, 1958.

DAY

JOHN LOVELL DAY, s. Isaac and Caroline Day of Southboro, b. Apr. 10, 1843, d. Berlin July 20, 1928; m. Julia A. Wheeler, dau. George F. and Sarah R. Wheeler, April 5, 1866. Came to Berlin in 1869, res. Highland Street house built by George Fox Wheeler about 1843; purchased by Wilmer G. Tenney in 1928. Had:

Forrest E., b. Southboro Dec. 27, 1866, d. Berlin Dec. 2, 1945, m. Grace H. Merrill, dau. Sewell H. and Augusta D. Merrill, Nov. 27, 1889. She d. May 17, 1951.

Lewis E. Day, b. Southboro July 3, 1869, d. Hudson May 12, 1933. M. Alice P. Randall, dau. Paul A. and Abbie W. Randall, Feb. 6, 1890, she b. Sept. 27, 1870, d. Nov. 12, 1958.

They had:

Myra Abbie, b. Berlin July 22, 1890.

Lena J., b. 1892.

DERBY

ALFRED C. DERBY, b. Randolph, Vt. Aug. 13, 1824, d. Berlin Aug. 24, 1914; m. Charlotte A. Fisher, dau. Seth Fisher of Northfield, Mass., May 15, 1856. She b. Feb. 10, 1836, d. Berlin May

10, 1917. Resided on the Welcome Barnes Farm, Derby Rd., now (1958) occupied by John L. Nutting. Had:

Lizzie Jane, b. June 8, 1858, m. Clarence E. Spofford.

Oliver Dexter, b. May 20, 1869, m. Eunice Bruce, dau. Philo and Lavina Bruce, Nov. 29, 1891. She b. July 11, 1869. They had:

Veretta Elaine Derby, b. Watertown, Feb. 1, 1893, m. Joseph Charles Webber.

Lucelia Mae Derby, b. Berlin June 16, 1895, m. Edward Brennan of Roslindale.

Mildred Louisa Derby, b. Westboro Mar. 25, 1903, m. Harrison Bussey.

DEVINE

CARL B. DEVINE, s. Martin and Agnes E. (Alexander) Devine, b. Chicopee July 23, 1902; m. Cora May Powell Nov. 23, 1946. Had:

Carol Anne, b. April 24, 1948.

Brett Martin, b. Feb. 12, 1951.

Mrs. Agnes E. (Alexander) Devine d. Berlin May 11, 1958, age 78.

DILLING

HENRY J. DILLING, s. Anton and Elizabeth (Eyerding) Dilling, b. Borghoist, Germany, Feb. 5, 1872, d. Berlin May 10, 1950; m. Antonia Stoebel Dec. 31, 1898. She d. Nov. 4, 1918 in Bolton. His father d. Bolton Sept. 11, 1912; mother d. Berlin Jan. 12, 1922. They had:

Lillian M. b. Clinton Dec. 17, 1899, m. Arthur Kunst Aug. 6, 1923.

Esther Henrietta, b. Nov. 10, 1901, m. Frederick Heinold July 21, 1924.

Helen L. b. Clinton Aug. 19, 1904, m. Edwin Heinold Aug. 10, 1931.

Henry Anton, b. Feb. 23, 1903, m. Elizabeth Bellarosa Nov. 10, 1934, he d. Feb. 22, 1939.

Roy D., b. 1907, m. Louise A. Farrow Mar. 24, 1928. Had:

Ethel May, b. Sept. 13, 1928.

Fred Henry, b. Sept. 6, 1939.

Perley, b. April 7, 1913, m. Dorothy Pauline Matthews Aug. 29, 1936.

Christine, b. October 24, 1915, m. Max Gesell, Dec. 17, 1933.

HENRY ANTON DILLING, s. Henry and Antonia (Stoebel) Dilling, m. Elizabeth Bellarosa Nov. 10, 1934. Had:

Marjorie Ann, b. June 25, 1936, m. Gerald Ruberti Sept. 19, 1959.

Mary Evelyn, b. Nov. 20, 1937, m. Henry Joseph Vanasse Nov. 27, 1958.

Henrietta Virginia, b. Feb. 18, 1939.

DINSMORE

CHARLES EDWIN DINSMORE, foster-son of Leon and Florence Brewer, b. in Lowell Jan. 5, 1933; m. Gladys Louise Lilja, dau. John and Florence Lilja of Rockport, Mass. Mar. 21, 1954. Had:

Peter Charles Dinsmore, b. Oct. 24, 1954.

Thomas Alan, b. Nov. 22, 1958.

DOHERTY

REGINALD RAYWORTH DOHERTY, s. Bert L. and Ethel (Ward) Doherty, b. Sackville, N. B. (Canada) Nov. 14, 1929; m. Eleanor May Marble, dau. Ralph P. and Mabel (Felton) Marble Sept. 22, 1951. Had:

Daniel Bert, b. July 28, 1953.

Michael Jay, b. May 17, 1955, d. Feb. 6, 1956.

Regina Rae, b. Dec. 16, 1956.

Robert Alan, b. June 27, 1958.

DUDLEY

IRA G. DUDLEY, s. Era C. and Eleanor (Stearns) Dudley, b. in Shrewsbury June 25, 1868. He m. Sarah H. Bray, dau. S. Benton and Elizabeth (Friend) Bray of Gloucester, Oct. 30, 1895. She b. Dec. 19, 1872, d. Berlin Sept. 10, 1938. Mr. Dudley came to Berlin in Nov. of 1895 as Master of the Lyman School for Boys, located on Linden Street. He retired in 1937.

DUNFIELD

FRANK FREEMAN DUNFIELD, b. New Brunswick, Canada July 29, 1877, d. Berlin Oct. 29, 1925. He m. Annella Mattie Wheeler,

dau. Henry A. and Nellie F. (Reed) Wheeler, Aug. 28, 1906. They had:

Barbara, b. Worcester Apr. 17, 1911, m. Howard A. Watkins Sept. 18, 1948. He b. Millbury Sept. 1, 1911.

Burton Wheeler, b. Clinton May 2, 1913, m. Helen Gertrude Hubbard, dau. Harold C. and Hazel (Russell) Hubbard, Aug. 20, 1938. They had:

Deborah Lea, b. Troy N. Y. June 27, 1940.

Brenda Jeanne, b. Rochester, N. Y. July 30, 1945.

EAGER

WILLIAM SMITH EAGER, s. Augustus and Lucy Ellen (Babcock) Eager, b. Westminster Jan. 28, 1868, d. Dec. 23, 1947; m. Clara Louisa Shattuck, dau. Elijah C. and Olive C. (Wheeler) Shattuck, June 20, 1897. She b. July 9, 1863, d. Berlin Dec. 4, 1935. Had:

Vincent Shattuck, b. May 17, 1905, m. Doris Carter Ordway.

VINCENT SHATTUCK EAGER, s. William S. and Clara L. (Shattuck) Eager; m. Doris Carter Ordway, dau. Alfred Frost and Eva Louise (Carter) Ordway, June 20, 1933. They had:

Charles Ordway, b. June 20, 1935.

David Vincent, b. Aug. 29, 1938.

Barry William, b. July 12, 1944.

ENRIGHT

JEREMIAH CHRISTOPHER ENRIGHT, s. Patrick and Hannah (Calahan) Enright, b. Clinton Jan. 19, 1904; m. Alta Josephine Parker, dau. Herbert Harwood and Ethel (Lee) Parker, June 1, 1940; s. born Clinton May 31, 1903. Had:

Richard Jeremiah, b. Feb. 23, 1943.

ESTABROOK

HERBERT CYRUS ESTABROOK, s. Mendall A. (d. Berlin May 16, 1920) and Louise (Wilder) Estabrook, b. Sterling Apr. 22, 1885; m. Florence L. Hart Oct. 27, 1909. She d. Dec. 11, 1952. He conducted the West Berlin Store (1919-1921), removed to New Hampshire, and returned to Berlin in 1947, located in the Rufus Howard place of Pleasant Street, now (1958) res. of Edmund Joslin. They had:

Herbert Hart, b. Feb. 3, 1911, m. Eva Guilmette.

Helen Louise, b. Jan. 15, 1912, m. Clifton W. Brewer.

George Alvin, b. Jan. 10, 1915, m. Helen Maude Bernardson.

Roy Irving, b. Oct. 5, 1916, m. Ann (Reed) of Marlboro.

2m. Gladys (Schumacher) Turner, wid. Ernest S. Turner of Clinton July 3, 1954.

HERBERT HART ESTABROOK, s. Herbert C. and Florence L. (Hart) Estabrook; m. Eva Guilmette of Chelmsford Oct. 20, 1932. They had:

Pauline, b. June 13, 1934.

Henry, b. Apr. 8, 1936.

Grace Ann, b. July 28, 1937.

Norman Carl, b. Dec. 6, 1939.

Donald, b. June 11, 1946.

GEORGE ALVIN ESTABROOK, s. Herbert C. and Florence L. (Hart) Estabrook; m. Helen Maude Bernardson, dau. John and Jessie (Smith) Bernardson, Dec. 31, 1940. Had:

Janet Ann, b. Jan. 25, 1942.

John Alvin, b. Jan. 1, 1945.

Joyce Marie, b. Aug. 17, 1955.

EVANS

EDWIN MONTROSE EVANS, s. Edwin Allen and Isabelle (Winslow) Evans, b. Marlboro Jan. 22, 1872; m. Effie G. Rice, dau. Willis and Harriet S. (Fay) Rice, June 3, 1902. He d. Berlin June 5, 1941. Had:

Richard Rice, b. June 16, 1916.

FALBY

VERN FREDERICK FALBY, s. Albert E. and Evie (Coonie) Falby, b. Guilford, Vt. July 25, 1903, d. Berlin Oct. 16, 1940; m. Blanche Jennette Wheeler, dau. William E. and Ethel E. (Randall) Wheeler, July 15, 1925. Had:

Chester Edward, b. May 27, 1927; m. Laurel Deanne Bowman, dau. Vernon Akron and Ola (Cutshall) Bowman Aug. 25, 1951. She b. Nov. 23, 1928. They had:

John Steven, b. Mar. 8, 1953.

Matthew James, b. Mar. 24, 1954.

Mark Andrew, b. Apr. 25, 1955.

Kathleen Joanne, b. Aug. 10, 1956.

Luke Timothy, b. Oct. 31, 1957.

Paul Thomas, b. Oct. 15, 1958.

Clifford William, b. Jan. 3, 1929; m. Carolyn Nutting Billings, dau. Osmond Jesse and Rena Lyman (Nutting) Billings, June 20, 1953. She b. Sept. 23, 1932. They had:

Vern Clifford, b. Mar. 30, 1954.

Bruce Edward, b. Jan. 9, 1956.

Wayne Thomas, b. Mar. 26, 1959.

FAY

NAHUM HARRIMAN FAY, s. William E. and Mary Jane (McKenna) Fay, b. Sept. 15, 1877, d. May 3, 1956; m. Melissa J. (Taylor), dau. Arad and Laura Ella (Merrill) Taylor, Sept. 16, 1897. She b. May 19, 1878, d. Dec. 12, 1946.

FELTON

HENRY OTIS FELTON, s. Jacob and Lucinda (Wilkins) Felton, b. Marlboro Dec. 12, 1814, d. Mar. 4, 1895; m. Charlotte Phelps of Lunenburg May 7, 1840. She d. June 6, 1891. Had:

Maria C., b. Mar. 23, 1841, m. Levi Babcock, d. Aug. 14, 1885.

Mary E., b. Apr. 21, 1843, d. Dec. 5, 1927.

George H., b. Aug. 2, 1847, m. Sarah J. Norrish, d. June 29, 1922.

Sarah A., b. Apr. 22, 1850, d. Mar. 2, 1852.

Addie L., b. Nov. 6, 1854, m. Levi Babcock, d. Feb. 24, 1915.

GEORGE H. FELTON, s. Henry O. and Charlotte (Phelps) Felton. He m. Sarah Jane Norrish, dau. William and Mary Ann (Holtby) Norrish, Aug. 3, 1883. She b. July 8, 1952 in Canada, d. Berlin June 4, 1932. Had:

Walter Louis, b. Oct. 30, 1884, d. Jan. 27, 1906.

Gertrude M., b. May 6, 1886, m. Joseph S. Watson Oct. 14, 1908.

Bertha C., b. Sept. 27, 1888, m. Robert F. Keith Nov. 10, 1923. He d. Mar. 3, 1946.

Mabel, b. July 3, 1892, m. Ralph Perkins Marble. He d. Mar. 31, 1959.

Florence Elsie b. Jan. 26, 1896, m. Brittan Ayers Jackson.

MERRICK FELTON, s. Jacob and Lucinda (Wilkins) Felton, b. Princeton Aug. 31, 1823, d. Berlin Mar. 17, 1913. He m. Elizabeth Page of Lunenburg. She d. Sept. 30, 1871. They had:

Martha Emma, b. Oct. 14, 1852, m. George H. Dyer Sept. 12, 1869. 2m. Arthur Munroe. She d. Mar. 3, 1939.

Marion Annetta, b. Aug. 30, 1858, m. Charles G. Larned Apr. 23, 1885, d. Mar. 31, 1944.

Truman Page, b. Jan. 25, 1862, m. Mary L. Whitcomb.

Lucinda E. b. Oct. 10, 1864, m. Harmon Thompson. She d. Jan. 29, 1941.

Merrick m. 2nd Mary B. Priest Aug. 31, 1872.

TRUMAN PAGE FELTON, s. Merrick and Elizabeth (Page) Felton, d. Nov. 17, 1936. He m. Mary Lenora Whitcomb, dau. Amasa and Lucy H. (Wheeler) Whitcomb June 24, 1890. She b. Aug. 10, 1860, d. Aug. 2, 1938. Daughter:

Pauline F., b. Feb. 2, 1889, m. Charles W. Powell.

FIELD

CHARLES MOSES FIELD, s. Moses Land and Susan (Silsby) Field, b. Northfield, Vt. Feb. 13, 1873. Came to Berlin in 1925, located on Walnut St. in greenhouse business; m. Carrie E. Goodwin, dau. Harris and Isabelle (Church) Goodwin, June 27, 1894. She b. Webster, N. H. Dec. 24, 1871, d. Berlin Jan. 31, 1948. Had:

Mildred Alice, b. July 31, 1895, m. Everett Edward Bartlett.

Harris Goodwin, b. Sept. 27, 1897, m. Marjorie Puffer.

Warren Gilbert, b. Feb. 6, 1903, m. Harriet Helen Brewer.

Lucy, b. Dec. 18, 1904, m. Clymer W. Reynolds, Shrewsbury. 2m. Jennie (Brown) Banks of Ayer, Oct. 3, 1948.

HARRIS GOODWIN FIELD, s. Charles M. and Carrie E. (Goodwin) Field; m. Marjorie Puffer, dau. J. Adams and E. Hope (Rice) Puffer, Sept. 19, 1931. Had:

Robert Goodwin, b. Sept. 26, 1932, m. Rosalie Ann Britton, of East Westmoreland, N. H., June 27, 1959.

Richard Willis, b. Apr. 21, 1934.

Jonathan Seth, b. July 13, 1938.

WARREN GILBERT FIELD, s. Charles M. and Carrie E. (Goodwin) Field; m. Harriet Helen Brewer, dau. Arthur L. and Cora (Wheeler) Brewer, July 19, 1930. Had:

Charlotte Anne, b. Nov. 25, 1931, m. Russell Philip Larson June 13, 1953.

Barry Charles, b. June 20, 1934.

David Arthur, b. Dec. 16, 1938.

William B., b. July 15, 1941.

THE BRIDE-FIELD HOUSE

The house in which Mr. and Mrs. Harris G. Field live was the Alexander MacBride Homestead built around 1748. The house was occupied by four generations of the original family. Somewhere along the line they dropped the "Mac". The last of the family consisted of Asa Bride and two sisters, Lucy and Caty, all unmarried. When the house was built, it was at the end of the road which came from Bolton. There was no road to Berlin Center until 1853.

About 1872 the place was bought by Florence McCarty.

Arthur L. Brewer bought the place about 1895 and lived there until 1925, when it was bought by Charles M. Field and Company.

FOSGATE

FREDERICK ADOLPHEUS FOSGATE, s. Joel H. and Ruth A. (Brigham) Fosgate, b. Berlin June 17, 1852, d. Berlin May 7, 1937; m. Ella Frances Swan, dau. Benjamin P. and Sarah A. Swan, July 11, 1881. She b. Andover, Me., d. Berlin Jan. 19, 1928. Res. east end of Fosgate Rd., proprietor of picnic grounds at Gates Pond until leased to Town of Hudson for reservoir (1902). They had:

Ruth Evelyn, b. Jan. 6, 1883, m. Walter Daniel Stratton.

Jennie Isadora, b. Mar. 23, 1884, m. Herman S. Holder.

Frederick Houghton, b. Feb. 20, 1890, m. Frances M. Hill.

FREDERICK HOUGHTON FOSGATE, s. Frederick A. and Ella F. (Swan) Fosgate; m. Frances M. Hill, dau. Albert and Flora B. Hill, Dec. 23, 1916; she b. Oct. 6, 1890. Res. Hudson, Mass. Had:

Fred Courtney, b. Apr. 27, 1920.

Janice, b. 1925, d. Aug. 1937.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FOSGATE, s. Luke and Mary (Rice) Fosgate, b. Berlin Feb. 25, 1824, d. Dec. 30, 1891; m. Eunice C. Dodge of Framingham Oct. 25, 1848. She d. July 12, 1902. Res. old homestead on Fosgate Rd. Had:

Julia Etta, b. July 18, 1857, m. Sidney B. Carter.

Nellie Maria, b. Aug. 23, 1865, m. Ernest C. Ross.

Lillia Frances, b. June 29, 1863, d. Jan. 30, 1899.

Lewis Eddy, b. June 29, 1863, m. Ella G. Walcott June 9, 1894.

REUBEN PUFFER FOSGATE, s. Luke and Mary (Rice) Fosgate, b. Berlin Dec. 7, 1826, d. Oct. 19, 1914; m. Sarah D. Loomis of Southboro June 11, 1851. She d. Dec. 5, 1915. Res. old homestead on Fosgate Rd. They had:

Hattie Anna, b. July 13, 1856, d. Jan. 30, 1928.

William Loomis, b. Aug. 5, 1860, d. Dec. 23, 1940.

FOSTER

ERNEST DANIEL FOSTER, s. William O. and Sarah Frances (Hatch) Foster, b. Bridgetown, N. S. June 6, 1874; d. Sept. 1, 1944. Came to Berlin in 1915 with brother Charles Robert, operated poultry and market gardening farm on the "Josiah Sawyer" estate on Sawyer Hill Road. He m. Olive Ethel (Bickford) Young, dau. George W. and Ellen Maria (Felker) Bickford, June 6, 1933. She b. Rochester, N. H. June 7, 1894.

Elwyn Vaughn (Carl) Young, s. Victor and Olive B. Young, b. Strafford, N. H., Feb. 12, 1916, m. Nora Kathleen Hafferty Jan. 1, 1942.

CHARLES ROBERT FOSTER, s. William O. and Sarah Frances (Hatch) Foster, b. Bridgetown, N. S., Aug. 17, 1862; d. Berlin Aug. 24, 1932.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE FOSTER, s. George W. and Annie Evelyn (Barnes) Foster, b. Upper Granville, N. S., Aug. 10, 1899. Came to Berlin in 1929. He m. Eva Rachel Bickford, dau. George W. and Ellen Maria (Felker) Bickford, Jan. 26, 1924. She b. Rochester, N. H., July 14, 1900. Had:

Lawrence Robert, b. July 15, 1925, m. Elizabeth A. Krouse.

LAWRENCE ROBERT FOSTER, s. William L. and Eva R. (Bickford) Foster, m. Elizabeth Ann Krouse Sept. 4, 1954. Built new house on site John Moore (Kelley) house, in 1956, cor. Carr and Randall Rds. Had:

Brian Robert, b. July 26, 1955.

FROMANT

CHARLES ARTHUR FROMANT, s. Arthur and Mary Ann (Bowers) Fromant, b. Landbeach, (Cambridgeshire) England, March 22, 1884; m. Ethel Frink Maynard, dau. Charles B. and Nellie S. (Frink) Maynard, of Swanzey, N. H., June 13, 1909. She b. Jan. 4, 1879, d. Apr. 28, 1910.

2m. Marion C. Copeland, dau. Charles W. and Abbie M. (Carter) Copeland, Aug. 3, 1921. She b. Fall River, Mass. Sept. 16, 1884. She was Principal of Berlin Public Schools (1913-1946). Charles A. Fromant res. on Crosby Rd., in the house built by Adin B. Allen. The original house burned in 1886, being the property of Joshua Johnson who settled there in 1750.

FRYE

GEORGE FULLER FRYE, s. William and Fanny (Fuller) Frye, b. Berlin Sept. 25, 1831, d. June 11, 1874; m. Zilpah A. Goddard, dau. Ephriam and Sophia (Bigelow) Goddard, Nov. 8, 1952. She b. Oct. 15, 1835, d. May 12, 1867. They res. on the N. Harriman Fay place of Pleasant St. Had:

Nellie G., b. 1853, d. Nov. 13, 1870.

Chester Jabez, b. Mar. 21, 1855, m. Lavinia Howe Pope of Marlboro.

Charles Adelbert, b. Feb. 15, 1857, d. Nov. 3, 1877.

George (Eddie) Edward, b. Dec. 8, 1859, m. Annie Frances Smith.

Leslie Morton, b. Sept. 23, 1863, m. Nellie Hastings Brown.

CHESTER JABEZ FRYE, s. George F. and Zilpah A. (Goddard) Frye, m. Lavinia Howe Pope, dau. Frank and Emily S. (Sherman) Pope of Marlboro, Nov. 30, 1881. He d. Oct. 30, 1894, she d. Mar. 5, 1951. Had:

Ethel Bruce Frye, m. Clarence Nelson Scott, Oct. 27, 1909.

They had:

Florence

Barbara Frye Scott, b. Jan. 16, 1912, m. George Kenneth Day of Marlboro, July 18, 1943. They had:

Alan Scott Day, b. Nov. 11, 1944.

Douglas Colwell Day, b. June 11, 1947.

The family resides in Marlboro.

GEORGE EDWARD (EDDIE) FRYE, s. George F. and Zilpah A. (Goddard) Frye; m. Annie Frances Smith of Marlboro, Oct. 9, 1883. He d. Nov. 24, 1937, she d. July 30, 1934. They had:

Roland Leslie, b. June 6, 1885, m. Anna Belle Patriquin Oct. 30, 1912, res. Haverhill, Mass.

Harrison Ames, b. Dec. 31, 1889, d. Aug. 28, 1899.

Homer Edward, b. Jan. 15, 1892, m. Grace Belle Hare Mar. 1, 1924, res. Columbus, Ohio.

LESLIE MORTON FRYE, s. George Fuller and Zilpah A. (Goddard) Frye, b. Sept. 23, 1863, d. June 21, 1946; m. Nellie Hastings Brown, dau. John and Lucy R. (Brigham) Brown, of Marlboro, Nov. 17, 1886. She b. Nov. 1, 1863, d. Mar. 3, 1943.

2m. Ceridwen Williams of New York City, Mar. 15, 1944.

Leslie M. Frye was born in Berlin in the house on Pleasant Street formerly owned by the late N. Harriman Fay. On his return to Berlin in 1912, he bought the homestead of his grandparents (Ephraim and Sophia Goddard), later known as the "Mark Goddard" place, on Pleasant Street. This property (Marcus M. Goddard) dates back to the purchase of the same (120 acres) by Benjamin Bailey in 1718, of John Houghton 3d, on which he (Houghton) had built a house and lived therein.

GALE

FRANK RANDALL GALE, s. William Randall and Luthera (Paine) Gale, b. Barre, Vt. Feb. 17, 1872, d. Dorchester Oct. 2, 1935; m. Effie Anna Merrill, dau. John A. and Lorinda Elizabeth (Mansfield) Merrill, Aug. 3, 1904. She b. Berlin June 18, 1874. Had:

William Merrill, b. Berlin July 21, 1908, d. Dorchester Aug. 2, 1936, m. Mary Herdic Nov. 28, 1935, had *Patricia*, b. Nov. 3, 1936.

Elinor Luthera, b. Berlin July 24, 1909; m. Frank Raymond Moran Sept. 25, 1932; he d. Mar. 21, 1941. Had:

Richard Clark, b. Jan. 14, 1934.

Alberta Gale, b. Mar. 2, 1941.

Alberta Elizabeth, b. Berlin Jan. 31, 1911.

Mrs. Effie (Merrill) Gale resides with her daughter, Alberta, in the ancestral homestead on Carter Street at the junction of Highland Street. This was the residence of the late John A. Merrill and the house is one of the Luther Carter houses built around 1850. This development accounts for the section called "Carterville."

GILMOUR

ISAAC DEAN GILMOUR, s. John and Eliza (Hanna) Gilmour, b. Scotland Apr. 11, 1847, d. Oct. 29, 1929; came to Berlin 1899, settled on Lancaster Rd. (now 1958 res. his daughter Mrs. Rachel Kinnear); m. Susanne McGill, dau. William and Susanna (Rowan) McGill, Sept. 25, 1869. She b. Ireland Aug. 9, 1869, d. April 16, 1920. They had:

Susan, b. Dec. 14, 1870, m. David Wright, res. Marlboro.

Elizabeth, b. Feb. 19, 1872, m. John Begg, res. Marlboro, d. Apr. 2, 1942.

Isaac, Jr., b. Aug. 9, 1874, m. Mary E. Thompson, Clinton; d. Dec. 7, 1899.

Esther, b. June 3, 1876, m. Thomas Irvine Feb. 1, 1901, Leominster.

John, b. Nov. 14, 1879, m. Florida Bovin.

Sarah, b. Oct. 1880, m. James Sturrock Dec. 7, 1899, d. Dec. 1925.

Jennie, b. Feb. 25, 1882, m. John Begg May 30, 1902, d. Aug. 11, 1907.

David, b. Feb. 19, 1884, m. Anna Walkup, Marlboro, d. Feb. 2, 1946.

Samuel, b. June 7, 1887, d. Mar. 14, 1948.

Isabelle, b. Dec. 24, 1889, m. Charles Sladen Sept. 1, 1917, Clinton.

Rachael, b. May 16, 1890, m. George A. Muschie, he d. Mar. 1920. 2m. Joseph D. Kinnear, he d. June 18, 1937. Res. homestead, Lancaster Rd. Rachel and George had:

Charles E., b. May 26, 1914, m. Jean Caudix Apr. 13, 1948.

George Allen, b. Oct. 14, 1916.

GRALA

FRANK JOSEPH GRALA, b. in Poland Mar. 1, 1869, d. Berlin Mar. 1, 1943; m. Mary R. Kowalski, she b. Poland Dec. 1874, d. Hudson Oct. 19, 1958. They came to Berlin in Oct. of 1919 and settled in the Frank Hartwell Place, cor. West St. and Boylston Rd. They had:

William F., b. Sept. 24, 1895, m. Victoria Wojdaz.

Theofil E., b. May 7, 1904, m. Louise, res. Marlboro.

Anna Katherine, b. Jan. 27, 1905, m. John J. Veo, res. Hudson.

Mary Rose, b. Nov. 1906, m. George Shepard Mayes, res. Hudson.

Helen Agnes, b. Aug. 10, 1910, m. Joseph Patrick Greska, res. Hudson.

Stanley Joseph, b. May 8, 1912, m. Helen Eileen Colena, res. Hudson.

Antonina Mary, b. Mar. 13, 1913, m. Alfonse Unis, res. Hudson.

WILLIAM F. GRALA, s. Frank J. and Mary R. (Kowalski) Grala; m. Victoria Wojdaz Sept. 1, 1915. She b. Poland June 16, 1897. Had:

Josephine B., b. March 19, 1918.

Francis Stanley, b. Mar. 30, 1920, m. Mary L. Grady.

Theresa Mary, b. Apr. 9, 1930, m. Thomas J. Kenney, res. Clinton.

FRANCIS STANLEY GRALA, s. William F. and Victoria (Wojdaz) Grala; m. Mary Grady, dau. Malachi and Mary (Joyce) Grady, June 21, 1947. Had:

William Francis, b. Clinton Feb. 12, 1949.

Paul Joseph, b. Berlin June 18, 1954.

GREENE

EDWARD F. GREENE, s. Alonzo F. (d. Oct. 2, 1917), and Mary A. (Fry) Greene (d. Nov. 24, 1931), dau. Sarah P. (Howard) and David A. Fry; b. Dec. 28, 1876, d. Sept. 17, 1955; m. Dora I. Dudley, dau. Era C. and Eleanor (Stearns) Dudley, Sept. 1, 1905. He followed Mr. Dudley as Master of the Lyman School for boys. Following the close of the school in Berlin he resided in Marlboro.

GUERARD

JOHN JOSEPH GUERARD, s. Joseph and Odile (Donais) Guerard, b. Canada Jan. 16, 1883; m. Diana Laremie, dau. Homer and Caroline (Genire) Laremie, Apr. 28, 1902. She b. Canada Jan. 17, 1883. Had:

Almire, b. Uxbridge Dec. 10, 1903, m. Albert Haase, res. New York City.

Eva Olivia, b. Worcester June 19, 1906, m. William Carl Snell.

Wesley John, b. Worcester May 10, 1910, m. Bertha Emma Latulippe.

Violet Diana, b. Worcester June 24, 1912, m. Hector McKay, res. Marlboro.

Rena Elmira, b. Worcester Aug. 15, 1917, m. Alfred W. Wheeler.

WESLEY JOHN GUERARD, s. John J. and Diana (Laremie) Guerard; m. Bertha Emma Latulippe June 28, 1930. She b. Dec. 4, 1908, Worcester. Had:

Richard Wesley, b. Nov. 18, 1932, m. Barbara Jean Andrade Feb. 20, 1955.

Raymond John, b. Feb. 7, 1935, m. Carol Bonazzoli Aug. 3, 1957.

GUERTIN

THEODORE GUERTIN, s. Joseph and Margaret Guertin, b. Fairfield, Vt. May 22, 1842, d. Berlin Oct. 8, 1912; m. Clara Estelle Sawyer, dau. Israel and Louiza (Smith) Sawyer Aug. 29, 1868. She b. Sept. 22, 1845, d. Feb. 25, 1919. Had:

Alice L. b. Berlin Nov. 7, 1868, m. Henry M. Betts.

Edna Zoa, b. Berlin Sept. 2, 1873, d. May 17, 1939. She taught in Berlin Public Schools for thirty-eight years (1898-1936).

Augustus Eleazer, b. Berlin Oct. 22, 1881, d. May 5, 1958, Belmont, bur. Pleasant St. Cemetery; m. Frances Houghan Sept. 11, 1907.

GUILD

HERBERT HORTON GUILD, s. Ernest Adelbert and Caroline (Horton) Guild, b. Canton, Mass. Feb. 7, 1897; m. Beatrice Ray-

mond Haynes, dau. Francis Sleeper and Laura (Taylor) Haynes, Aug. 11, 1919. She b. Nov. 13, 1897, d. Jan. 20, 1947. Had:

Laura, b. Apr. 2, 1921, m. Wentworth A. Ernst, May 1, 1944, res. Baltimore, Md.

June, b. June 20, 1923, m. Harry L. Hemmerdinger Nov. 25, 1944.

Robert Haynes, b. Dec. 2, 1926, m. Jean E. Bradley Nov. 1, 1952.

2m. Helen (Kimmens) Moore, dau. Gilbert A. and Ella (Haynes) Kimmens of Bolton, Oct. 2, 1947. She d. Mar. 22, 1956.

3m. Mrs. Eleanor Badmington of Maine on Feb. 14, 1957, in Berlin.

ROBERT HAYNES GUILD, s. Herbert H. and Beatrice R. (Haynes) Guild; m. Jean Eleanor Bradley, dau. Harry F. and Eva G. (Gardiner) Bradley, Nov. 1, 1952. Had:

Joanne Marie, b. June 11, 1955.

Robert Haynes, Jr., b. July 30, 1957.

Janis Lee, b. Dec. 10, 1958.

HADLOCK

JOHN ANDREW HADLOCK, s. Everett and Nancy (Kelley) Hadlock, b. Newport, Vt. July 5, 1870, d. Berlin July 1, 1947. His father (Everett) d. Berlin May 29, 1917, his mother (Nancy) d. Sept. 1918. He m. Elizabeth May Stone, dau. Henry and Rhoda (Parker) Stone, July 27, 1895. She b. Newport, Vt. June 29, 1877, d. May 30, 1955. Her father (Henry Stone) d. Newport, Vt. Mar. 18, 1914. Family came to Berlin in 1916, res. Derby Rd. in house of Ralph Marble (1957), thence removed to Arthur B. Wheeler house of South St. South Berlin. Had:

Harry E., b. South Jay, Vt., May 9, 1897, m. Carrie Nelson, res. Simsbury, Conn.

Erwin J., b. South Jay, Vt., Sept. 13, 1898, m. Ethea Parsons, res. Simsbury, Conn.

Floyd C., b. South Jay, Vt., Mar. 18, 1901, m. Hershie Wynott, res. Simsbury, Conn.

Dycia A., b. North Troy, Vt., Sept. 26, 1904, m. David W. Wheeler.

HALE

CHARLES F. HALE, s. Thomas and Eliza (Chase) b. Berlin, Dec. 5, 1842, d. Sept. 10, 1919.

2m. Nancy L. (S.) Hastings, dau. Benjamin and Eliza M. Hastings, Nov. 9, 1872. She b. Boylston Apr. 3, 1853, d. Berlin Jan. 3, 1930. Had:

Ralph Burton, b. July 8, 1876, d. Jan. 17, 1935.

Charles F., b. Feb. 3, 1880.

George W., b. Sept. 30, 1886. (Farmer, West St.)

Marion Gertrude (S.) b. Aug. 21, 1891.

HANLEY

RICHARD ARTHUR HANLEY of Marlboro; m. Martha Harriet Allsobrooks Oct. 29, 1927. She d. Mar. 14, 1938. Had:

Flora, b. Mar. 14, 1928.

Vera, b. Oct. 3, 1933.

Eva, b. May 7, 1934.

Gloria, b. Oct. 5, 1935.

HARMON

ROBERT W. HARMON, s. George and Isabelle (Wallace) Harmon, b. Medford Apr. 16, 1917; m. Myrtle Frances Manter, dau. Alfred E. and Frances Maude (Hipson) Manter, June 2, 1946. She b. Waltham Mar. 26, 1911. Had:

David Manter, b. May 25, 1947.

Roberta Ann, b. Feb. 3, 1950.

Patricia Frances, b. Oct. 10, 1951.

HARPER

HENRY HOWARD HARPER (Literary-Farmer), s. Benjamin J. and Elisa (Rector) Harper, b. LeCrescent, Minn. July 10, 1871, d. New York; m. Maydora Pauck, dau. Charles A. Pauck, Dec. 2, 1892. She d. in 1916. They had:

Hazel, b. Houston, Texas, Oct. 7, 1893, m. Charles C. Ide.

Hall, b. Winthrop, Mass. Sept. 9, 1898.

2m. Marguerite Young of Minneapolis, Minn., dau. James C. Young. She d. in New York 1944. They had:

Laurence Rector, b. Dec. 13, 1918, entered aviation service at

New York Dec. 18, 1941, became Captain of test pilot flights; d. 1944.

3m. Mrs. Grace Cowles Gardner, dau. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Cowles of New York City Sept. 19, 1947.

In 1909 Mr. Harper purchased the seventy-eight-acre homestead farm of Dea. Oliver Sawyer on Sawyer Hill Road from Levi Cooley and made it his summer home, naming it "Green Brae Farm." This place was the summer home of Madame Rudersdorff, the Russian prima donna, from 1876-1882, which she named her beautiful "Lakeside." The house burned Jan. 31, 1881. James and M. Reed Tyler purchased the place and rebuilt the house in 1885. The red barn became a point of the state triangulation (survey) stations, known as "Tyler's Cupola." In 1899 the estate was sold to Levi Cooley.

In several of his literary productions, which are in the Berlin Public Library, Mr. Harper gives expression of his life at "Green Brae," saying that "Farming is a good deal like authorship; the principal thing I get out of it is the joy of being in it."

In 1915, Mr. Harper built a fifteen-room fieldstone bungalow to the south of his residence to serve as a vacation home for crippled children. On June 14, 1917, he sent a notice to the Clinton office of the Red Cross in which he offered his bungalow to the U. S. Government for hospital purposes.

This bungalow was purchased by Dr. John R. Bergen in April 1953 and remodeled into a modern, nine-room, glass house.

HARRIMAN

NORRIS B. HARRIMAN, s. Sewell and Sarah (Simpson) Harriman, b. Bucksport, Maine Feb. 28, 1868, d. Dec. 15, 1925, bur. Lowell; m. Sarah Elizabeth Palin, dau. Charles H. (d. July 15, 1916) and Hannah B. (Baker) Palin, in 1889. She d. Clinton May 1, 1943.

Came to Berlin in 1909, bought the John F. Larkin place of Boylston Rd., to which the Lyman Kendall house had been attached in 1895. The same is now (1958) the residence of Frederick W. Hatstat. Had:

Maynard S., b. Lowell Jan. 3, 1890, d. Acton Oct. 1953, m. Fannie Adell Moss Sept. 18, 1915. Had son *Bradley Moss Harriman*, b. May 3, 1916.

Smith Baker, b. Bedford July 21, 1891, d. Antrim, N. H. May 1950, m. Florence M. Frazier of Maynard.

Ralph Loudon, b. Bedford Aug. 28, 1893, m. Mildred M. Hill. She b. Clinton Nov. 8, 1892, d. Berlin Oct. 26, 1916. 2m. Gladys Mae Sleeper.

SMITH BAKER HARRIMAN, s. Norris B. and Sarah E. (Palin) Harriman; m. Florence M. Frazier of Maynard Sept. 4, 1920. She b. Feb. 9, 1887. They settled on the Lemuel D. Carter farm (now John Niedzial) of Boylston Rd. in 1923 and removed to Antrim, N. H. in 1934. Had:

Ruth Frazier, b. Oct. 25, 1921.

Norris Bradley, b. Berlin Feb. 23, 1924.

Smith Baker, Jr., b. Berlin Feb. 9, 1926.

RALPH LOUDEN HARRIMAN, s. Norris B. and Sarah E. (Palin) Harriman.

2m. Gladys Mae Sleeper, dau. Frank G. and Alice L. (Pierce) Sleeper, Mar. 19, 1920. She b. Grafton, N. H., Mar. 5, 1895. Had:

Ralph Loudon, Jr., b. Dec. 31, 1920.

Hazel Ernestine, b. Mar. 12, 1923.

Franklin Norris, b. Apr. 20, 1924.

Barbara Alyce, b. June 22, 1928, m. Donald Roswell Thomas of Hudson, Oct. 8, 1949. Had:

David Lynden, b. Oct. 8, 1950.

Debra Eileen, b. Jan. 8, 1953.

Linda Jean, b. Feb. 7, 1956.

RALPH LOUDEN HARRIMAN, Jr., s. Ralph L. and Gladys M. (Sleeper) Harriman; m. Ethel Jane Langille of Lancaster Oct. 15, 1941. She b. Aug. 19, 1923. Had:

Sharon Lee, b. Jan. 18, 1943.

Jefferey Brian, b. Feb. 7, 1944.

2m. Virginia Rose Wheeler, dau. Emerson W. and Ethel R. (Ross) Wheeler, Dec. 2, 1956. Had:

Judith Irene, b. Nov. 10, 1957.

FRANKLIN NORRIS HARRIMAN, s. Ralph L. and Gladys M. (Sleeper) Harriman; m. Margaret Helen Hopfman of Clinton June 1, 1946. Res. Lancaster. Had:

Franklin Norris, Jr., b. Jan. 11, 1948.

Nancy Louise, b. July 7, 1950.

HART

LINWOOD F. HART, s. Fred E. and Inez (Deering) Hart, b. Hartland, Me. Jan. 9, 1911; m. Helen R. Manson, dau. Lyle J. and Maude (Kilton) Manson, Oct. 21, 1932. She b. Hartland, Me., Dec. 4, 1914. They came to Berlin, bought the Charles H. Bliss property of West Street in 1949. Had:

Darrel Manson, b. Aug. 2, 1934, m. Eleanor Margaret Bailey June 11, 1955.

Derwood Lyle, b. Mar. 5, 1936, m. Lucille Long Jan. 29, 1955.

David Fred, b. Aug. 22, 1940.

Darlene Ruth, b. Oct. 13, 1942.

Dennis Eugene, b. Aug. 10, 1944.

Doreen Alice, b. May 13, 1951.

DERWOOD LYLE HART, s. Linwood F. and Helen R. (Manson) Hart; m. Lucille Long; dau. Clyde W. and Gertrude M. (Armstrong) Long, Jan. 28, 1955. Had:

Philip Manson, b. Sept. 21, 1955.

Nancy Ann, b. May 11, 1957.

HARTSHORN

EDWARD HOWE HARTSHORN, s. Dr. Edward and Lucy Elizabeth (Howe) Hartshorn, b. Berlin Dec. 16, 1842, d. Jan. 8, 1887; m. Lucinda H. Houghton, adopted dau. Rev. W. A. Houghton and Mary Grace Howe, May 28, 1869; she d. Dec. 26, 1876. Dr. Edward d. July 26, 1906 and his w. Lucy Elizabeth d. July 4, 1898. Had by Lucinda Howe:

Mary Grace, b. Feb. 25, 1871, m. John A. Otterson Mar. 17, 1904. He b. Clinton Aug. 25, 1867, d. Stow.

William Addison, b. Feb. 28, 1874, m. Ida Belle Rice, dau. Thomas and Susan (Kinder), Oct. 7, 1896. Res. Belfast, Me. She d. Feb. 10, 1950.

Solomon Henry, b. Dec. 26, 1876, d. Dec. 26, 1876.

2m. *Louisa Southgate Hastings*, dau. Rufus S. and Louisa S. (Blood) Hastings, Oct. 7, 1880. She b. May 9, 1858, d. Apr. 28, 1930. Had:

Lucinda Howe, b. Oct. 8, 1881.

Ralph Edward, b. Oct. 21, 1883.

Edward Howe, b. June 9, 1887, d. Dec. 3, 1903.

HEBARD

FREDERICK E. HEBARD, s. Everett Adrian (d. Sept. 29, 1923) and Ella Adelaide (Miller) Hebard (d. May 11, 1931), b. Sept. 1, 1875, d. Jan. 18, 1943; m. Cassie McCure, dau. Alexander and Margaret McClure, Feb. 12, 1912. Had:

Margaret Adelaide, b. Nov. 2, 1920, m. Harold Forhan Sept. 6, 1937, res. Clinton.

HEBB

JAMES HIBBARD HEBB, s. Benjamin F. and Cassie (Carkun) Hebb, b. Nova Scotia Feb. 15, 1871, d. Berlin Dec. 22, 1951; m. Amy H. (Farwell) Baker, dau. George and Mary M. (Worster) Farwell, May 14, 1896. She b. Berlin Mar. 23, 1869, d. Jan. 1, 1949. Had:

Eva Maria, b. Jan. 19, 1897, m. Joseph Edward Szewczyk May 29, 1943, d. Feb. 12, 1959. Res. Clinton.

Iva May, b. Sept. 22, 1900, m. Clyde E. Rogers.

Ida Emeline, b. Nov. 14, 1904, res. Carter St.

Annie Louise, b. Jan. 18, 1906, m. Michael Morgan Feb. 12, 1927, res. Hudson.

The "Hebb Place" on Walnut St., now (1957) owned by Albert E. Newick, was purchased by George Farwell in 1878 of Jarvis Wheeler; he in turn came into possession of the place through his father, Stephen Wheeler, in 1830, who settled there in 1798. *Dolley Bowker*, dau. Solomon and Dorothy Bowker, was b. Berlin Jan. 30, 1786.

HEMMERDINGER

HARRY L. HEMMERDINGER, m. June Guild, dau. Herbert H. and Beatrice R. (Haynes) Guild, Nov. 25, 1944. Had:

Gary, b. Medford Sept. 5, 1945.

Heidi Ann, b. Aug. 1, 1947.

Gretchen, b. Mar. 3, 1951.

Kristie Jane, b. Aug. 8, 1956.

His mother, Cora (Steeves) (Hemmerdinger) Grant d. Berlin May 1, 1957.

HENRY

ALBERT EDGAR HENRY, b. Shirley Nov. 10, 1870, d. Berlin July 26, 1934; m. Rosena Elizabeth Tanner who was b. Bristol, England, June 12, 1867, d. Berlin May 23, 1941. She 2m. Eugene A. Pierce April 12, 1936; he d. Mar. 18, 1942. Mr. Henry came to Berlin 1914, settled on George W. Kallom place, Crosby Rd., house built by his father (Frederick D. Killam) about 1842.

HOBBS

CASPER WINSLOW HOBBS, s. Fred J. and Cora (Wood) Hobbs, b. Dec. 27, 1906; m. Lelia Elizabeth Crossman, dau. Harrison and Mabel E. (Ware) Crossman, Aug. 15, 1926. She b. Aug. 15, 1904, d. Aug. 20, 1928. Had:

Carlton Robert, b. July 11, 1927, m. Doris M. Woodcock Aug. 12, 1950. She b. May 5, 1929. Had:

Susan Doris, b. May 15, 1951.

Charlotte Elizabeth Hobbs, b. Aug. 4, 1928.

HOLDER

HERMAN SUMNER HOLDER, s. Henry R. and Elmira (Crosby) Holder, b. Berlin Feb. 14, 1874, d. July 19, 1940; m. Jennie I. Fosgate, dau. Frederick A. and Ella F. (Swan) Fosgate, Oct. 4, 1904. She b. Mar. 23, 1884. Had:

Eben Daniel, b. June 6, 1907, m. Janet Cargill, had:

Anne, b. May 3, 1941.

Stanford Samuel, b. Sept. 22, 1909, m. Myrtle Broadbent.

Evelyn, b. Jan. 10, 1913, m. Maurice O. Wheeler.

David Fosgate, b. Dec. 20, 1919, m. Barbara Beach.

For 45 years Herman S. Holder conducted a dairy and milk business at the homestead on Gates Pond Rd. The later five years of his life he resided in Hudson.

STANFORD SAMUEL HOLDER, s. Herman S. and Jennie I. (Fosgate) Holder, d. Apr. 1, 1942; m. Myrtle Broadbent of Hudson Sept. 14, 1935. Had:

Sandra Jean, b. Feb. 6, 1938.

Sheila J., b. Apr. 7, 1942.

Widow (Myrtle B. Holder) m. Burton K. Wheeler Sept. 25, 1947. Removed to California, 1957.

DAVID FOSGATE HOLDER, s. Herman S. and Jennie I. (Fosgate) Holder; m. A. Barbara Beach, dau. Carl and Jessie (Emery) Beach, June 19, 1940. She b. Mar. 25, 1916, d. Feb. 5, 1954. Had:
Donald Frederick, b. Sept. 11, 1941.
 2m. Harriet E. Dacey, dau. Arthur J. and Bertha (Crossman) Dacey, May 2, 1959.

HOLMES

JAMES ROYCE HOLMES, m. Betty Jane Tansey, dau. Warren W. and Helen L. (Wheeler) Tansey, Feb. 10, 1951. Had:
Ronald Eugene, b. Aug. 26, 1952.
Donald Edward, b. Aug. 8, 1955.

HOPFMANN

RALPH M. HOPFMANN, s. Alwin E. and Loretta (Zink) Hopfmann, b. Barrington, R. I. Apr. 16, 1915; m. Ruth M. Howe, dau. Earl F. and A. Ruth (Langley) Howe, June 19, 1937. She born Clinton June 1, 1917. Had:
Gail Marie, b. Sept. 1, 1944.
Alwin Edward, b. Mar. 5, 1946.
Gary Michael, b. May 26, 1951.
 He resided on West Street from 1940 to 1952. Res. now Sterling, Mass.

HOWARD

GEORGE WASHINGTON HOWARD, s. Timothy, Jr. and Abigail (Temple) Howard, b. Sept. 27, 1819, d. Sept. 9, 1900, bur. Old Cemetery; m. Hulda (Forbes) Sargent, wid. of Curtis Sargent, Dec. 8, 1855. She b. Oakham, Mass. Nov. 17, 1823, d. Berlin Oct. 25, 1911, bur. Lancaster Cemetery beside 1st husband. Had:
Marshall Elwyn Howard, b. Nov. 24, 1857.

MARSHALL ELWYN HOWARD, s. George W. and Hulda (Forbes) (wid. Curtis Sargent) Howard, b. Berlin Nov. 24, 1857, d. Berlin Sept. 19, 1920; m. Etta Melvina Perkins, dau. George A. and Melvina (Carville) Perkins, in Berlin Oct. 11, 1893. She b. Carthage, Me. Jan. 22, 1861, d. Berlin March 27, 1934. Had:

Elwyn Warren, b. July 12, 1894, d. Oct. 30, 1926.

Eula Lillian, b. Nov. 16, 1895, m. Frederick A. Krackhardt.

RUFUS HOWARD, s. Timothy, Jr., and Abigail (Temple) Howard, b. Berlin May 18, 1805, d. July 23, 1865; m. Louisa, dau. Oliver Sawyer of Heath, she d. Mar. 18, 1886. Had:

Sarah P., b. Jan. 10, 1827, d. Apr. 3, 1890; 1m David A. Frye of Bolton Nov. 21, 1848. 2m. Joshua Wolcott.

Elmira G., b. Feb. 19, 1829, m. William J. Davenport of Marlboro.

Susan B., b. June 14, 1831, d. Dec. 16, 1894, m. Jonathan W. Ray.

Louisa S., b. Dec. 20, 1832, m. Samuel N. Marsh June 8, 1851.

Martha A., b. Aug. 4, 1834, m. Abel G. Haynes.

Mary W., b. Oct. 8, 1835, m. Ralph Safford.

Adeliza Jane, b. Mar. 8, 1842, m. George H. Andrews Sept. 7, 1862.

Augusta M., b. Aug. 21, 1843, m. William Smith June 18, 1864. Homestead on Pleasant St. where Edmund J. Joslin now resides (1958).

HOWE

ALAMSON S. and ANDELIA HOWE of Marlboro had:

Chester A., b. Marlboro, m. Grace R. Wheeler.

Olivia A., b. Marlboro, m. Edmund W. Wheeler, s. Willard M. and Caroline (Fosgate) Wheeler, June 30, 1879.

2m. Alamson S. and Cordelia Howe, had:

Ella L. Howe, b. Marlboro, m. Walter A. Wheeler, s. Rufus R. and Lucy (Walcott) Wheeler, May 3, 1886.

CHESTER A. HOWE, s. Alamson S. and Andelia Howe, b. Marlboro Sept. 11, 1874, d. Berlin Aug. 25, 1941; m. Grace R. Wheeler, dau. Oliver S. and Hannah (Blodgett) Wheeler, May 1, 1895. She b. Marlboro May 11, 1870, d. Apr. 30, 1949. Had:

Gertrude Bigelow, b. May 6, 1896, d. Jan. 17, 1926.

Everett Wheeler, b. May 17, 1900, d. May 28, 1951, m. A. Mildred McMahill June 25, 1927. Had:

John William Howe, b. Aug. 19, 1931, d. Sept. 3, 1931.

CARLTON W. HOWE, s. Anson B. and Mary L. (Brown) Howe of Hudson, b. June 6, 1877, d. Aug. 23, 1949; m. Agnes Blanche

Crossman, dau. Frank H. and Lelia M. (Farwell) Crossman, June 14, 1905. Had:

Brenda Alice, b. Aug. 20, 1915, m. Cuthbert S. Richards June 12, 1937. Had:

Diane Richards, b. Apr. 18, 1938.

2m. Richard M. Goldfrank, May 7, 1943. Had:

Richard Bruce, b. Apr. 21, 1946.

ELLSWORTH CARLTON HOWE, b. Clinton Mar. 8, 1864, d. Dec. 13, 1937; m. Lucy Sophia Barnes, dau. George H. and Eliza A. (Batchelder) Barnes, Mar. 8, 1910. She d. July 15, 1938. Had:
Carlton Barnes, b. Dec. 18, 1911, m. Eleanor T. O'Malley.

CARLTON BARNES HOWE, s. Ellsworth C. and Lucy S. (Barnes) Howe, m. Eleanor Teresa O'Malley of Clinton May 7, 1935. She dau. James and Mary (Kirby) O'Malley, b. June 1, 1913. Res. Clinton. Had:

Richard Carlton, b. May 16, 1936.

Eleanor Lucy, b. Mar. 11, 1938.

HUBBARD

CHARLES J. G. HUBBARD, s. Augustus J. and Elizabeth (Wellington) Hubbard, b. Ashby, Mass. Oct. 21, 1863, d. Jan. 6, 1954. Came to Berlin from Fitchburg Jan. 15, 1895, located on the Reuben Wheeler place of Randall Rd.; m. Helen Gertrude Brooks, dau. Ivers H. and Nancy (Babcock) Brooks of W. Rindge, N. H., April 5, 1886. She b. Sept. 16, 1867, d. Sept. 24, 1890. Had:

Harold C., b. Dec. 19, 1887, d. Feb. 15, 1944, m. Hazel Russell.

Amy Elizabeth, b. Sept. 10, 1889, m. Glen Salmond. 2m. Mr. Cragin.

C.J.G. Hubbard 2m. Clara M. Welch, dau. Joseph and Matilda (Mellor) Welch of Manchester, England, April 19, 1893. She b. Aug. 31, 1863, d. Aug. 28, 1945.

HAROLD CHARLES HUBBARD, s. Charles J. G. and Helen G. (Brooks) Hubbard; m. Hazel Russell, dau. William Augustus and Emma (Wheeler) Russell of Hudson, Oct. 28, 1914. She b. Nov. 2, 1893. Had:

Helen Gertrude, b. July 28, 1915, m. Burton W. Dunfield.

Hilda Adeline, b. Feb. 24, 1918, m. John Warner Smith Oct. 10, 1940. He d. Sept. 4, 1950. Had:

Jacqueline, b. Nov. 5, 1946.

Mabel Chesley, b. Dec. 31, 1922, m. David Anton Johnson, s. Carl R. and Hazel (Andrews) Johnson, June 24, 1944. Had:

David Hubbard, b. Dec. 31, 1948.

HUDSON

LOUIS GERMAINE HUDSON, s. Allan G. and Eliza Rankin (Louis) Hudson, b. Lower Island Cove, Newfoundland, Nov. 20, 1888; m. Carrie Sewall Fogg, dau. Reuell W. and Lucy (Sewall) Fogg, July 21, 1926. She b. Glouster, Maine, Apr. 16, 1886. He served as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Berlin from Sept. 2, 1922 to Sept. 5, 1947. In recognition of this faithful and efficient service, the Church voted upon him the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus as of January 16, 1959. He supervised the Oak Street development. The two daughters of G. Ernest and Ethel Woodman (Fogg) Bell resided with the Hudsons for several years following their mother's decease, and deserve recognition as former natives of Berlin, namely:

Carolyn Bell, b. Stoneham Apr. 22, 1923, m. Dr. Theodore H. Wilson, U.S.N., Sept. 23, 1944.

Marjorie Bell, b. Stoneham, Jan. 9, 1926, m. Donald W. Hanson Sept. 18, 1948, res. Stoneham, Mass.

JACKSON

BRITTAN AYERS JACKSON, s. George E. and Emma Rizpah (Ayers) Jackson, b. Fitchburg June 19, 1891, d. Berlin June 27, 1950; m. Florence Elsie Felton, dau. George H. and Sarah J. (Norrish) Felton, Oct. 9, 1916. She b. Jan. 24, 1896, d. July 23, 1951. They had:

Elsie Brittan, b. Southbridge, Feb. 9, 1918.

Priscilla Felton, b. Princeton, Aug. 7, 1919, m. Frederick W. Jewett.

Rizpah Merle, b. Princeton, Apr. 12, 1921, m. Harold M. Warbin.

Rachel May, b. Princeton, Apr. 12, 1921, m. John W. Corman.

Carol Florence, b. Princeton, July 13, 1922, d. Dec. 2, 1938.

JACOBS

ELWIN S. JACOBS, s. George Sumner Jacobs, b. Bolton Mar. 23, 1887; m. Lula Mabel Trask, dau. Charles A. and Ella Jane (Waite) Trask, Nov. 10, 1911. She b. Saxions River, Vt. Oct. 9, 1885. Adopted son:

Richard Elwin Jacobs, b. Mar. 19, 1916, m. Constance Guard, Bridgeport, Conn., May 16, 1942.

JOSEPH ROWE JACOBS, m. Arvilla L. Wood; came to Berlin in 1908, purchased the Frederick A. Woodward place of Peach Hill Rd., formerly owned by Rufus Sawyer (1813) in the John Houghton Division. Had:

Albert Augustus, b. Northboro Mar. 21, 1879, d. Berlin Oct. 4, 1957, m. Clara Belle Wheeler, dau. Leslie E. and Jennie F. (Bowman) Wheeler, Feb. 8, 1911. 2m. Vesta Louise (Southart) Howe, July 21, 1917.

Leon Moses, b. Northboro Nov. 11, 1891, d. Berlin Oct. 22, 1909.

Hattie D., m. Chester A. Barker Sept. 29, 1909. Res. W. Springfield.

Lillian Viola, m. Howard T. Chandler June 2, 1908.

Wakefield S., res. East Brookfield.

Franklin O., b. Mar. 23, 1896, d. Mar. 22, 1957, m. Marceu G. Pearson. 2m. Cora Damico. Res. Sterling.

WILLIAM W. JACOBS, s. George S. and Emma F. (Graves) Jacobs, b. Acton June 1, 1881; m. Bessie Burnham, dau. Doddridge A. and Evelyn J. (Hardy) Burnham, Sept. 23, 1903. She b. Bolton Mar. 10, 1881. Res. Central Street (Stone's Corner).

JEWETT

WALTER SCOTT JEWETT, s. Henry P. Jewett of Bolton, b. Apr. 7, 1862, d. Bolton Mar. 20, 1908; m. Bertha L. Merrill, dau. Sewell H. and Augusta (Day) Merrill, May 17, 1884. She d. June 2, 1946. Had:

Ralph Sewell, b. Nov. 20, 1891, m. M. Ruth Archer.

FREDERICK WALTER JEWETT, s. Ralph Sewell and Madeline Ruth (Archer) Jewett, b. Berlin July 15, 1919, d. Aug. 11, 1953;

m. Priscilla Felton Jackson, dau. Brittan A. and Florence E. (Felton) Jackson, Feb. 10, 1946. Had:

Linda Priscilla, b. Dec. 19, 1946.

Bradford Alan, b. Sept. 15, 1951.

Ellen Louise, b. May 26, 1953.

JOHNSON

CARL R. JOHNSON, s. Anton and Hannah Johnson, b. E. Boston Mar. 2, 1892, d. Berlin Nov. 9, 1945; m. Hazel Andrews, dau. Horace and Nellie (Hogan) Andrews, June 23, 1914. She b. Marlboro May 6, 1894. Had:

Carl Russell, Jr., b. Apr. 27, 1915; m. Beatrice Wadsworth Mar. 4, 1937.

David Anton, b. July 9, 1921; m. Mabel C. Hubbard June 24, 1944. Had:

David Hubbard Johnson, b. Dec. 31, 1948.

Philip Andrews, b. Apr. 29, 1926, m. Edith Lorraine Peck June 14, 1952.

Norman Roger, b. June 18, 1930.

2m. Mrs. Hazel (Andrews) Johnson to Edward A. Chamberlain.

CARL RUSSELL JOHNSON, JR., s. Carl R. and Hazel (Andrews) Johnson; m. Beatrice Burdette Wadsworth of Northboro Mar. 4, 1937. She b. Nov. 20, 1919, dau. Ralph E. and Evelyn (Porter) Wadsworth of Northboro. Had:

Karen Lee, b. Apr. 23, 1938.

Carl Russell, III, b. May 28, 1939.

Joyce Virginia, b. Aug. 31, 1940.

Barbara Dale, b. Nov. 26, 1941.

JONES

OSCAR MARCELLUS JONES, s. Solomon and Laura B. (Wheeler) Jones, b. Berlin Aug. 5, 1848, d. Berlin Feb. 9, 1916; m. Lucy Ella Kimmins, dau. Amos and Nancy Kimmins of Bolton. She d. Berlin Mar. 15, 1931. Had:

Laura Angie, b. Apr. 9, 1882, m. Christopher Wheeler Dec. 2, 1903.

Hattie Belle, b. Nov. 22, 1888, m. W. Lyle Woodward Mar. 25, 1915.

Sibyl Beatrix, b. Aug. 12, 1891, m. Dr. Harry R. C. Cobleigh Apr. 22, 1916. He d. Sept. 27, 1918, she d. Nov. 27, 1922.

Florence Marion, b. Oct. 5, 1893, d. Feb. 3, 1894.

Mary Hope, b. Feb. 27, 1895, d. Mar. 21, 1929.

Ralph Leroy, b. Mar. 11, 1898, m. Elizabeth Wahl Feb. 5, 1931.

RALPH LEROY JONES, s. Oscar M. and L. Ella (Kimmins) Jones; m. Elizabeth Wahl, dau. Frederick C. and Catherine (Toole) Wahl Feb. 5, 1931. She b. Clinton Jan. 21, 1908. Res. on homestead of Summer Rd.; house built by grandfather, Solomon Jones in 1864. Her mother d. May 27, 1935. Had:

Margaret Hope, b. Dec. 15, 1935, m. Donald Henry Ulrich, s. Henry A. and Irene (Evans) Ulrich, May 31, 1958.

Elizabeth Deborah, b. July 5, 1947.

JAMES ARTHUR JONES, s. Arthur C. H. and Mattie (Sargent) Jones, b. Concord, Mass. Oct. 15, 1889; m. Cora Brigham, dau. Frank E. and Eva (Whitney) Brigham, June 17, 1915. She b. Hudson Apr. 29, 1890, d. Berlin Nov. 21, 1935. Had:

Waldo Brigham, b. Hudson May 20, 1916.

Florence Evelyn, b. Hudson Mar. 19, 1918, m. Reginald Perry, res. Concord, Mass.

Lawrence Arthur, b. Hudson Aug. 4, 1920.

KEIZER

GEORGE E. KEIZER, s. James and Ellen (Conners) Keizer of Nova Scotia; m. Nellie F. Brewer, dau. Leonard W. and Harriet J. (Walker) Brewer, Aug. 26, 1888. She d. Aug. 28, 1922. He d. Feb. 2, 1935. Had:

Althea Ellen, b. June 21, 1891, m. David S. Tyler.

Hattie Eleen, b. May 27, 1896, m. William Cambridge July 25, 1915. She d. July 29, 1916. Son William Lloyd Cambridge, b. July 29, 1916.

Roy Leonard, b. Feb. 21, 1898, m. Addie Day.

Lloyd Frank, b. Mar. 19, 1902, d. Mar. 19, 1911.

Ethel B., b. Mar. 26, 1890, d. Aug. 26, 1890.

Ralph L., b. Dec. 5, 1889, d. May 20, 1892.

Verlie Mabel, b. June 23, 1892, d. Nov. 1, 1898.

ROY LEONARD KEIZER, s. George E. and Nellie F. (Brewer) Keizer; m. Addie Day May 13, 1918. Had:

Marion Eleen Keizer, b. June 18, 1919.

KENT

CLIFFORD ARTHUR KENT, s. George D. (d. Feb. 23, 1928) and Grace E. (Copland) Kent, b. Aug. 31, 1909 in Hampton, Conn.; m. Louise Dimond Stearns, dau. Austin E. and Lilian M. (Wheeler) Stearns, Dec. 31, 1932. She b. Westboro Oct. 3, 1913. Had:

Arthur Austin, b. Mar. 28, 1935, m. Mary Shirley Hatt June 19, 1955. Had:

Carl Joseph, b. Mar. 16, 1957.

Arthur David, b. Sept. 5, 1958.

Foster Daughter:

Anne Stanford, b. July 11, 1940.

KERR

CHARLES ALBERT KERR, m. Betty Louise Marble, dau. Ralph P. and Mabel (Felton) Marble, Apr. 3, 1954. Had:

Judith Ann, b. Nov. 8, 1954.

Jayne Louise, b. Dec. 23, 1955.

Thomas Linton, b. Oct. 28, 1957.

KINGSBURY

RALPH SIDNEY KINGSBURY, s. Albert and Helen (Price) Kingsbury, b. Mattapan, Mass. July 20, 1900; m. May Taylor, dau. Fred and Catherine (Griffin) Taylor, Apr. 2, 1928. She b. Maynard Oct. 6, 1900. The family first came to Berlin in 1936, res. Lyman Rd. in Walter Wheeler homestead. Returned to Berlin in 1955 and built a new home on Central Street where Mrs. Kingsbury operates a nursing home. Had:

Ralph Sidney, Jr., b. Newton, Mass. July 25, 1929.

RALPH SIDNEY KINGSBURY, JR., s. R. Sidney and Mae (Taylor) Kingsbury; m. Gloria Alice Dorais of Hudson June 4, 1950. Res. in Hudson. Conducts a sheet metal business. Had:

Dianne Marie, b. Oct. 31, 1950.

Daniel Francis, b. Dec. 8, 1952.

Nancy Ann, b. Aug. 4, 1954.

Susan, b. Apr. 9, 1956.

KLEIN

IVAN ANTON KLEIN, s. Julius and Wilhelmina Klein, b. 1885 Riga, Latvia. Graduate of Meadville Theological School, affiliated with University of Chicago; attended University of London, England; had graduate work at University of Chicago, Tufts College and Harvard University. Came to Berlin as pastor of the First Unitarian Society and served from 1925 to 1940. Then he took the pastorate of the Bulfinch Place Church of Boston, retiring in 1958. During his pastorate the barn was remodeled into the Parish Hall. He was interested in dramatics and painted the scene on the front curtain on the Town Hall stage.

KRACKHARDT

FREDERICK AUGUST KRACKHARDT, s. August and Ophelia F. (Matthews) Krackhardt, b. Jan. 19, 1883, Newburgh, Ind.; m. Eula Lillian Howard, dau. Marshall E. and Etta M. (Perkins) Howard, Nov. 16, 1916. She b. Berlin Nov. 16, 1895. Had:

Marguerite Elizabeth, b. May 12, 1923.

Russell Howard, b. June 18, 1925, m. Barbara Beatrice Hatch.

Elliott Marshall, b. Aug. 22, 1927, m. Marilyn June Hatch.

Ruth Esther, b. Sept. 3, 1929, m. Gerald K. Clark of Clinton, s. Kenneth and Grace (Glassey) Clark, June 15, 1951. They had:

Margaret Penelope Clark, b. Aiken, S. C., July 24, 1952.

Bonnie Ellen Clark, b. Augusta, Ga., July 4, 1954.

Gary Frederick Clark, b. Wilmington, Del., Mar. 23, 1957.

RUSSELL HOWARD KRACKHARDT, s. Frederick A. and Eula L. (Howard) Krackhardt; m. Barbara Beatrice Hatch, dau. Clarence Randolph and Lois (Foss) Hatch, in Cleveland, O., June 18, 1948. She b. Cleveland, O. June 7, 1925. Had:

David Michael, b. Jan. 27, 1950.

Merribeth Ann, b. Dec. 24, 1951.

Laurence Russell, b. June 11, 1957, d. July 26, 1957.

ELLIOTT MARSHALL KRACKHARDT, s. Frederick A. and Eula L. (Howard) Krackhardt; m. Marilyn June Hatch, dau. Leon S. and

Irene Pettengill, in Lynn, Mass., Oct. 24, 1953. She b. June 11, 1932. Had:

Debra Arlene, b. Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1955.

Diane Louise, b. Syracuse, N. Y., Apr. 9, 1957.

Peter Elwyn, b. Syracuse, N. Y., June 15, 1959.

LABONTE

OLIVER HENRY LABONTE, s. Henry J. and Albina (Cloutier) Labonte, b. Putnam, Conn., Dec. 12, 1915; m. Lucy Carrie Coulson, dau. Adelbert Eason and Miriam (Pratt) Coulson, Nov. 23, 1944. Had:

Barbara Lucy, b. Jan. 2, 1948.

Paul Henry, b. Oct. 11, 1951.

Joan Carol, b. Oct. 30, 1952.

LANDIN

MILTON ARTHUR LANDIN, m. Corinne Helen Brewer, dau. Clifton W. and Helen L. (Estabrook) Brewer, Sept. 6, 1953. Had:

Glenn Herbert, b. Aug. 31, 1954.

Craig Milton, b. Oct. 25, 1955.

Gloria Helen, b. Jan. 25, 1957.

LaPORTE

ARTHUR PAUL LAPORTE, s. Jerry and Annie Rose (Malbeauf) LaPorte (his mother d. Berlin Sept. 5, 1933), b. Lawrenceville, Prov. Quebec, Canada July 14, 1883; m. Ethel May Mills, dau. Harry John and Ida (Lewis) Mills, Dec. 25, 1911. She b. Worcester June 14, 1893. Her father d. Mar. 2, 1931. Came to Berlin in 1921 having purchased the George Bowers place on Linden St. Had:

Richard Mills, b. Feb. 27, 1928, d. Mar. 2, 1928.

Roy Paul, b. Feb. 27, 1928, d. Mar. 24, 1928.

Bristol Paul, b. Jan. 3, 1933, m. Marlene J. Merrill of Worcester, Apr. 7, 1956.

JERRY SIMON LAPORTE, s. Jerry and Annie R. (Malbeauf) LaPorte, b. Sept. 9, 1895; m. Olive Eloise Bowen, dau. Cyrus A. and May H. (West) Bowen, Sept. 2, 1939. Res. Auburn, Mass.

LARKIN

DANA MARSHALL LARKIN, s. John Flavel, Jr., and Cynthia (Hayden) Larkin, b. Berlin June 21, 1828, d. Berlin Dec. 9, 1905; m. Lucinda Elmina Sargent, wid. Charles D. Starkey, dau. of Curtis and Hulda (Forbes) Sargent, Nov. 4, 1868. She b. Shrewsbury Oct. 4, 1841, d. Berlin June 30, 1927. Res. in "Larkindale" of the Boylston Rd., Had:

Otis Hayden, b. June 4, 1869, d. Oct. 24, 1879.

Ella Elmina, b. Nov. 18, 1870, m. Alvin W. Howe Feb. 11, 1891, he d. Feb. 9, 1909, she d. Nov. 30, 1953.

Warren Dana, b. Apr. 5, 1872, m. Charlotte M. Bigelow.

Walter Augustus, b. Aug. 24, 1873, m. Lillie P. Wilson.

Etta Maria, b. Apr. 24, 1875, m. John Francis Irwin, Mar. 5, 1921. She d. Leominster Dec. 11, 1938.

Emma Cynthia, b. Mar. 2, 1879, m. Alfred Pope Aug. 8, 1906. He d. Oct. 12, 1933. 2m. George Kreig Aug. 20, 1921, he d. Nov. 30, 1927. Res. Leominster.

Foster sons:

Winfield O. Larkin, b. May 20, 1888, d. June 14, 1920.

Wilbur E. Larkin, b. Apr. 20, 1890, m. Claire LaPierre. Res. Saugus, Mass.

WARREN DANA LARKIN, s. Dana M. and Lucinda Elmina (Sargent) Larkin; m. Charlotte Maud Bigelow, dau. Elmer Elbridge and Mary (Hanna) Bigelow, Feb. 21, 1901. She b. Rushville, Ill. Feb. 18, 1873, d. March 9, 1959. Warren d. July 10, 1946. Had:

Thelma Elmina, b. Aug. 1, 1901, d. Mar. 23, 1925.

WALTER AUGUSTUS LARKIN, s. Dana M. and Lucinda Elmina (Sargent) Larkin, b. Aug. 24, 1873, d. Andover, Mass. Dec. 23, 1929; m. Lillie P. Wilson Dec. 25, 1896. Had:

Eldred W., b. Berlin Sept. 18, 1897.

Harold E., b. Berlin July 31, 1898.

Grace L., b. Berlin June 6, 1900.

Florence E., b. Berlin Sept. 16, 1902.

Etta E., b. Andover Aug. 8, 1914.

Ella M., b. Andover Sept. 9, 1916.

LASSELLE

FRANK C. LASSELLE, b. Saco, Me. Apr. 1, 1829. Came from Waterville, Me. in 1887 and settled on the Dexter Fay Farm of Bellevue Road, at the Northboro-Berlin line (one half of the house is in Berlin, the other half is in Northboro). This farm has been occupied in succession by George H. Carpenter, Robert B. Churchill, Olaf Rebstadt and Roger W. Mills. He d. Berlin Sept. 10, 1903; m. Catherine B. Lanphere of Waterville, Maine Mar. 28, 1856. She b. May 5, 1834, d. Berlin Apr. 29, 1909. The record is that her Silver Dollar (a cartwheel) contributed at the Tuesday Club in 1902, was the nucleus for the building fund for the Berlin Public Library. Had:

Edward C., b. Waterville, Me. May 11, 1857, d. Waterville, Me. Feb. 9, 1910, m. Kate Sheridan of Waterville, Me. July 17, 1894.

Pauline L., b. Oct. 9, 1860, d. Waterville, Me. Jan. 16, 1885.

Lanphere D., b. Dec. 26, 1862, d. Hudson Sept. 7, 1936, m. Georgiana Pray Boston, June 2, 1897.

John Frank, b. July 31, 1867, d. San Diego, Calif. Jan. 22, 1950, m. Rosa Torres, Sinaloa, Mex. Aug. 30, 1896.

Janett L., b. Jan. 1, 1873, d. San Diego, Calif. Jan. 4, 1945, m. George H. Carpenter, Berlin Dec. 8, 1897.

Arthur H., b. Dec. 2, 1878, m. Blanche Green, Berlin, Aug. 28, 1901. Res. Westboro, Mass.

LIBERTY

HECTOR ALFRED LIBERTY, s. George H. Liberty; m. Clara B. Betts, dau. Henry M. and Alice Louise (Guertin) Betts, Apr. 28, 1910. Had:

Leroy A., b. Sept. 24, 1911.

George H., b. Nov. 13, 1913.

Estella Clara, b. Dec. 2, 1914, m. Raymond Howard Stark Sept. 29, 1951.

Hector A., Jr., b. Jan. 9, 1918.

Joseph A., b. Dec. 28, 1921, m. Irene F. Hines, June 10, 1950.

LOCKHART

JAMES DENNISON LOCKHART, s. Augustus and Sarah (Manning) Lockhart, b. Nova Scotia Feb. 9, 1871, d. Oct. 18, 1953; m. Nellie Sylvia Drysdale Sept. 10, 1905. She d. Apr. 10, 1943. Had:

William, b. May 3, 1906, m. Louise F. Ordway Oct. 10, 1931.

Marion May, b. Mar. 12, 1908, m. Armond Guerard Nov. 24, 1929. Res. Oxford.

Emma Gertrude, b. Dec. 25, 1909, m. Winthrop E. Bray Nov. 28, 1931.

Mildred L., b. Jan. 1, 1912, m. Robert L. Torteson June 21, 1931.

James Dennison, b. Mar. 2, 1914, d. Aug. 15, 1915.

Ernest, b. Aug. 28, 1915, d. Sept. 1, 1915.

Carlton Stanley, b. Oct. 14, 1916, d. July 20, 1917.

WILLIAM LOCKHART, s. James D. and Nellie (Drysdale) Lockhart, m. Louise Frances Ordway of Hudson, Oct. 10, 1931. Had:

Grace Louise, b. Apr. 3, 1938, m. Cyrus Flint, Jr. of Marlboro Apr. 14, 1956. They had:

Amy Louise Flint, Mar. 14, 1958.

MANSEAU

LIONEL J. MANSEAU, s. Adzade and Josephine (Beaulac) Manseau, b. Canada Dec. 6, 1904; m. Yvonne Roy, dau. Narcisse and Rosanna (Dubreuil) Roy, Sept. 2, 1928. She b. Canada Sept. 26, 1900. He operates the Maple Poultry Farm on West Street. Had:

Lucille Ann, b. May 19, 1932, m. Francis J. Roux June 20, 1953.

MANTER

ALFRED ELMER MANTER, b. Nov. 28, 1871; m. Frances Maude Hipson Nov. 6, 1891. She b. Mar. 10, 1870, d. Plymouth May 21, 1958. Had:

Ruth Caroline, b. Whitman Aug. 19, 1892, m. Clifford H. Barter.

Alfred Elmer, Jr., b. Plymouth July 12, 1894, m. Mary Richards; 2m. Beatrice (Johnson) Millikin.

Richard Gordon, b. Plymouth Jan. 17, 1896, m. Laura Mitchell.

Doris A., b. Whitman Sept. 21, 1897. Res. Lowell.

George Truman, b. Holbrook Feb. 12, 1901, d. Berlin Mar. 30, 1958.

Lucy Glover, b. Holbrook Oct. 17, 1903, m. Cecil B. Wheeler.

Bertha Maude, b. Holbrook, Dec. 15, 1905.

Myrtle Frances, b. Waltham Mar. 26, 1911, m. Robert W. Harmon.

Elsie L., b. Waltham Nov. 17, 1917, m. George Burt. Res. R. I.

GEORGE TRUMAN MANTER, s. Alfred Elmer and Frances Maude (Hipson) Manter, b. Holbrook Feb. 12, 1901, d. Berlin Mar. 30, 1958; m. Frances Isabel Linn Jan. 16, 1926, dau. Fred and Theodore E. (Parker) Linn. Had:

David G.

Carolyn.

2m. Ada Barbara Heeley, dau. William and Armanda M. (Fortin) Heeley, Apr. 12, 1944. She b. Lancaster Mar. 22, 1926. Had:

June Ann, b. Lancaster March 6, 1945.

MARBLE

WILLIAM FRANK MARBLE, s. David and Abbie (Brazier) Marble of Gloucester, b. June 22, 1852, d. Nov. 30, 1938. He m. Eva Peterson of Nova Scotia (1873). She b. Sept. 6, 1854, d. Dec. 28, 1925. They came to Berlin from Somerville in 1904, having purchased the "Barnes Homestead" of the William H. Brown est. Had:

Frank Wallace, b. 1877, m. Mary Alvira Charbot, res. Gary, N. H.

Edmund Stewart, b. 1879, m. Pheobe MacPhail, she d. 1923. Res. Medford.

David Arthur, b. 1881, m. Annie Esty.

Roy Payson, b. Nov. 30, 1882, m. Flora M. Parkhurst.

Paul August, b. Apr. 3, 1885, d. Dec. 3, 1913.

Ralph Perkins, b. June 23, 1891, m. Mabel Felton.

Carl, b. Feb. 9, 1893, res. Detroit, Mich., m. Marie D. Martindale.

Benjamin, b. Mar. 10, 1895, m. Mary Gladys Mace.

Perry, b. Apr. 7, 1897, m. Frances Frenchart. Res. St. Petersburg, Fla.

FRANK WALLACE MARBLE, s. William F. and Eva (Peterson) Marble, m. Mary Alvira Charbot of Gary, N. H. Had:

Frank Joseph, b. Jan 21, 1902, m. Beatrice Ettinger of Cambridge.

Charles Edmond, b. Jan. 2, 1903, m. Edith Ola McRae. Had:

Charles Wallace, b. Dec. 21, 1933, m. Sybil Marie Brosnan.

Fay Patricia, b. Sept. 2, 1936, m. Rex Wallace Copsy.

Ronald Carl, b. Dec. 14, 1938.

Gail Arline, b. Feb. 3, 1943.

ROY PAYSON MARBLE, s. William F. and Eva (Peterson) Marble, m. Flora M. Parkhurst, dau. Frederick and Augusta (Spaulding) Parkhurst, Nov. 12, 1918. She b. Feb. 5, 1884, Minneapolis, Minn. Her uncle, Clifton Parkhurst, d. Berlin May 4, 1945, age 92 yrs. 6 mo. Settled in Berlin (1924) on the Henry J. "Gripp" Sawyer (or Dea. James Goddard) farm of Linden Street. Removed to Central Street. Had:

Eva Parkhurst, b. Paxton Jan. 28, 1920, m. Donald Elliot McClaren Mar. 4, 1946. 2m. Orville Christian Dahl June 13, 1949. 3m. Burton K. Tobey Sept. 23, 1954. Res. Dedham.

Flora Geraldine, b. Paxton Feb. 8, 1922, m. Albert Lester Touchette of Forestdale, R. I. Oct. 27, 1945. Had:

Debora Diane, b. July 30, 1951. { Res. Birmingham, Mich
Pamela Ann, b. Dec. 3, 1953. }

David Roy Marble, b. Mar. 28, 1945.

RALPH PERKINS MARBLE, s. William F. and Eva (Peterson) Marble, b. June 25, 1891, d. Mar. 31, 1959; m. Mabel Felton, dau. George H. and Sarah Jane (Norrish) Felton, Aug. 4, 1922. Had:

Betty Louise, b. Dec. 23, 1923, m. Charles Albert Kerr Apr. 3, 1954.

Ralph Perkins, Jr., b. Apr. 26, 1926, m. Sylvia Foster Shaw of Peabody Aug. 25, 1951. Res. Nantucket.

Eleanor May, b. Jan. 25, 1933, m. Reginald Rayworth Doherty of Clinton.

BENJAMIN MARBLE, s. William F. and Eva (Peterson) Marble; m. Mary Gladys Mace, dau. Francis M. and Edna C. (Holman) Mace of Bolton, Oct. 8, 1922. She b. Feb. 24, 1901. Her mother (Edna C. Mace) d. June 7, 1929. Had:

Benjamin Kenneth, b. Feb. 13, 1925, m. Dorothy Elaine Roberts July 4, 1948.

Donald Francis, b. Aug. 6, 1927.

PERRY MARBLE, s. William F. and Eva (Peterson) Marble, m. Frances Winifred Trenchard, dau. Kenneth E. and Eleanor Trenchard, Dec. 22, 1934. Had:

Kenneth William, b. Jan. 21, 1936.

MARSH

EDWARD S. MARSH, b. Hadley, Mass. Mar. 31, 1874, d. Apr. 15, 1920; m. Lillian E. Pierce, dau. Arthur Franklin and Mary (Cartwright) Pierce, Dec. 25, 1905. Had:

Emma E., b. Dec. 21, 1906, m. Alvah G. Blake Dec. 25, 1929, res. Leominster.

Arthur E., b. Jan. 3, 1908, m. Elizabeth L. Burns Nov. 10, 1934, res. Winchendon.

Fordyce S., b. Jan. 8, 1909, m. Eleanor E. Jones Dec. 24, 1934, res. W. Boylston.

Nellie M., b. Mar. 31, 1910, m. Charles E. McDermott Sept. 28, 1935, res. Chicago.

William G., b. Apr. 21, 1912, d. Sept. 15, 1912.

Mary E., b. June 22, 1917, m. Carl J. Devoe June 6, 1938, res. Chicago.

Lillian's 2m. Frank E. Smith of Clinton, s. Louis and Gertrude (Brigham) Smith, Oct. 2, 1924. He d. Sept. 2, 1940.

MARTINEIT

EDWARD R. MARTINEIT, s. of Edward and Dorothea (Kolke) Martineit, b. Lithuania Feb. 7, 1885; m. Augusta Guenther, dau. Ferdinand and Minnie (Kenpen) Guenther, Dec. 20, 1908. She b. Lithuania Oct. 25, 1887, d. Berlin July 31, 1958. Had:

Adolph, b. Sept. 12, 1909, m. Gertrude Beyer Apr. 17, 1936. Res. Clinton.

Edward Edgar, b. Nov. 3, 1916, m. Elizabeth L. Sheperd.

Walter Edwin, b. Nov. 3, 1916, m. Dorothea Armstrong June 24, 1939.

MATTHEW

ANDREW BARROWMAN MATTHEW, s. James and Jane (Barrowman) Matthew, b. Bicknell, Ind. Feb. 9, 1911; m. Helen I. Vandlan, dau. Carl and Pauline (Anderson) Vandlan, Aug. 29, 1931. She b. Worcester Mar. 11, 1912. Had:

Andrew Barrowman, Jr., b. Aug. 20, 1932, m. Mary Ellen Tansey.

David Vandlan, b. Mar. 23, 1935, m. Elaine Joyce Neumann, June 28, 1958.

Carl James, b. July 21, 1954.

ANDREW BARROWMAN MATTHEW, JR., s. Andrew B. and Helen (Vandlan) Matthew; m. Mary Ellen Tansey, dau. Warren W. and Helen L. (Wheeler) Tansey, Aug. 3, 1957. Had:

Mark Andrew, b. Mar. 21, 1959.

MAYNARD

CHARLES B. MAYNARD, s. George W. and Sophia (Bigelow) Maynard, b. Berlin Nov. 24, 1846, d. Mar. 14, 1914; m. Sarah Ellen Frink, dau. Orlando and Eunice (Russell) Frink, Nov. 24, 1870. She b. Swanzey, N. H. Apr. 5, 1846, d. Berlin Mar. 24, 1909. Had:

Ernest B., b. Wakefield Aug. 24, 1872, m. Eugenia Skinner.
2m. Martha Seldon.

Lester R., b. Wakefield Oct. 1, 1874, d. June 28, 1957.

Mabel A., b. Berlin Oct. 23, 1876, d. April 1917.

Ethel F., b. Berlin Jan. 4, 1879, m. Charles A. Fromant; she d. Apr. 28, 1910.

Minnie E., b. Berlin Aug. 14, 1882.

Leland C., b. Berlin Aug. 23, 1889, d. Apr. 8, 1959.

MERRILL

FRANK EDWARD MERRILL, s. Arthur G. and Rosamond J. (Buchan) Merrill, b. Watertown Sept. 17, 1923; m. Ruth E. Selmer, dau. Rev. Carl W. and Elizabeth J. (Pinkul) Selmer, Sept. 5, 1948; she b. Boston Jan. 6, 1928. Had:

Stanley Edward, b. Nov. 1, 1949.

Richard Kent, b. Apr. 13, 1954.

Glenn Robert, b. Apr. 29, 1956.

Frank E. Merrill and family came to Berlin in 1956 and located on Peach Hill Rd. The bungalow built by William C. Dean in 1911 was burned in 1941. The present house was constructed and remodeled by Philip Tyler.

JOHN A. MERRILL, s. John D. and Mary H. (Barter) Merrill, b. Sept. 7, 1827, d. Mar. 24, 1916; m. Laura E. Carter, dau. Ivory and Oliver (Smith) Carter, Apr. 2, 1853. She b. May 25, 1834, d. Aug. 28, 1866. Had:

Alice M., b. May 13, 1856, m. Henry S. Houghton, Jr., Sept. 28, 1876.

Laura Elizabeth, b. June 9, 1861, m. Warren S. Howe, Jan. 18, 1888.

2m. Lorinda E. Mansfield of Ashby July 3, 1869. She d. Mar. 22, 1928. Had:

Walter Everett, b. Dec. 24, 1870, d. Feb. 15, 1932.

Effie Anna, b. June 17, 1874, m. Frank R. Gale Aug. 3, 1904. Mr. Merrill operated a store of general merchandise on the corner of Carter and Highland Streets (now the residence of Mr. Hall Rayner) from 1875 to 1914.

MILLS

JOHN K. MILLS, m. Elizabeth B. (Holt), res. Nelson, N. H. They had:

Charles D. Mills, b. Greenville, N. H. 1861, d. Jacksonville, Fla. m. Etta F. Parmenter, dau. A. D. and Julia Parmenter, Dec. 27, 1881.

John K. Mills, b. Greenville, N. H. 1864, d. Northboro, Mass., m. Elsie Jennie Parmenter, dau. A. D. and Julia Parmenter, Mar. 29, 1887. She d. Jacksonville, Fla., bur. Berlin Dec. 26, 1950.

Silas L. Mills, b. Mason Village, N. H. 1866, d. Aug. 21, 1914. Came to Berlin 1885, m. Ella M. Flagg, dau. Edward W. and Charlotte M. (Looms) Flagg, Dec. 24, 1885. She b. Berlin Oct. 4, 1866, d. Berlin July 15, 1950. Had:

Lula Edith, b. Berlin May 19, 1888, d. Berlin Feb. 27, 1950.

Roy Edward, b. Berlin Dec. 2, 1890.

Mildred Hazel, b. Berlin Oct. 22, 1896.

ROY J. MILLS (Station Agent), s. Alfred Estrin and Mary (Chalmers) Mills, b. New Brunswick May 3, 1894; m. Emily M. Looms Mar. 14, 1919. She b. London, Eng. Feb. 8, 1898. Came to Berlin in 1923, located on Lancaster Road near Bolton town line. Had:

Gertrude Emelie, b. Moncton, N. S. Feb. 3, 1921, m. Roger Adam Laughlan May 6, 1950.

Hilda Edna, b. Leominster Aug. 12, 1922, m. James Warren Ordway May 12, 1942.

Mary Elizabeth, b. Berlin Nov. 24, 1923, m. James Alan Henderson Jan. 5, 1946. Res. Holden.

MORSE

AMORY C. MORSE, s. Jesse Morse of Marlboro; m. Mary Sawyer Spofford, dau. Capt. Samuel, Jr. and Betsey (Sawyer) Spofford, July 7, 1847. She b. June 25, 1828, d. June 6, 1915. Amory C. d. Feb. 14, 1885. Had:

Mary Amanda, b. Dec. 20, 1859, d. Dec. 17, 1934. She had retained the Capt. Samuel Spofford homestead on Highland Street, now (1958) occupied by Ernest O. Wheeler.

MOSSMAN

EDWARD MOSSMAN, m. Lilith Trask, dau. Charles A. and Julia (Eaton) Trask. Had:

Emeline G., m. Edwin J. Brown, res. Hudson.

Marion A., m. Leon Spence, 2m. Clarence E. Beck Nov. 2, 1937, res. Hudson.

Florence, m. Samuel McNutt, res. Watertown.

Howard, m. Marion Waugh, res. Waltham.

MUNGEAM

RICHARD MUNGEAM, s. Richard and Jane (Clout) Mungeam of Rochester, England, b. June 1, 1883; m. Ethel Florence Edge, dau. Richard Curson and Anne (Fynes) Edge, of Chatham England Nov. 29, 1903. Came to Berlin in 1925. Had:

Leonard Richard, b. Apr. 30, 1906, m. Ruth Mabel Brewer.

Gladys Ethel, b. July 21, 1908.

LEONARD RICHARD MUNGEAM, s. Richard and Ethel (Edge) Mungeam, m. Ruth Mabel Brewer, dau. Alfred D. and Julia (Walcott) Brewer, Apr. 30, 1927. Had:

Gretta Mae, b. Nov. 23, 1927.

Lee Richard, b. Jan. 16, 1929, m. Vera Dorothy Gross.

Virginia Ann, b. April 22, 1940, m. Clifford Herbert Wheeler, Jr..

Lawrence Alfred, b. Dec. 13, 1931, m. Theresa Loretta Gilchrest.

Alan Leonard, b. May 13, 1933, m. Barbara Rimkus July 2, 1957.

LEE RICHARD MUNGEAM, s. Leonard R. and Ruth M. (Brewer) Mungeam; m. Vera Dorothy Gross June 10, 1950. Had:

Marsha Lea, b. Sept. 11, 1955.

Richard George, b. Dec. 18, 1956.

LAWRENCE ALFRED MUNGEAM, s. Leonard R. and Ruth M. (Brewer) Mungeam; m. Theresa Loretta Gilchrest, Mar. 18, 1949. Had:

Linda Ann, b. Aug. 17, 1949.

ALAN LEONARD MUNGEAM, s. Leonard R. and Ruth M. (Brewer) Mungeam; m. Barbara Ann Rimkus July 2, 1957, Had:

Anna Marie, b. Nov. 22, 1958.

MURPHY

DENNIS D. MURPHY, s. Daniel and Catherine (Mahoney) Murphy, b. Nov. 28, 1880, d. Dec. 8, 1957; m. Mary A. Sheehan, dau. Dennis and Mary (Reardon), Nov. 28, 1906. She b. Mar. 25, 1883, d. Dec. 23, 1957. Had:

Daniel J. b. Lawrence Oct. 19, 1908, m. Jeannette D. Senecal Sept. 11, 1942.

Augustine Dennis, b. Hudson June 30, 1917.

Rita Mary, b. Hudson Aug. 8, 1919, m. Fred G. Burge of San Antonio, Tex. Aug. 5, 1950.

McCARTY

JOHN WILLIAM McCARTY, s. Robert and Jane (Roche), b. Dec. 27, 1869, d. May 5, 1950; m. Maria (Mayberry) dau. Robert

and Eliza (Gaw) Mayberry, Aug. 29, 1894. She b. Canada June 3, 1870, d. Clinton Feb. 27, 1940. Had:

Lois Isabelle, b. Clinton July 27, 1898, m. Reginald Bates Nov. 10, 1923.

McNAMARA

WILLIAM E. McNAMARA, s. John Augustus and Annie (Hogan) McNamara, b. Spencer Jan. 12, 1900; m. Ella Mary End, dau. Daniel Francis and Mary Elizabeth (O'Malley) End, Feb. 10, 1922. She b. Berlin Jan. 22, 1898. Her father d. Sept. 10, 1938. Had'

Eleanor Frances, b. Worcester May 20, 1923.

Edward Joseph, b. Spencer Dec. 1, 1924.

Anna Marie, b. Feb. 10, 1928.

John Augustus, b. Oct. 8, 1930.

William Edward, b. July 20, 1932.

Eileen Dorothy, b. May 11, 1934.

Charles Thomas, b. July 16, 1936.

Patricia, b. Oct. 12, 1938.

NELSON

CHARLES NELSON, s. Charles A. and Marion (Rasmussen) Nelson, b. Northboro June 9, 1898; m. Marjorie Viola Parker, dau. Harry W. and Daisy Viola (Wallace) Parker, Oct. 16, 1935. She b. Westboro Sept. 1, 1911. Had:

Charles Thornton, b. Aug. 28, 1941.

Richard Alan, b. Jan. 9, 1947.

NIEDZIAL

JOHN NIEDZIAL, s. Frank and Stacia Niedzial, b. Sterling June 8, 1914; m. Marilea P. Morse, dau. Earle C. (d. Dec. 3, 1951) and Mary (Pettee) Morse, Oct. 7, 1935. She b. Mar. 1, 1915 in Worcester. Her maternal grandmother, Lena E. (Heissler) Pettee, d. June 19, 1959, bur. Pleasant St. Cemetery. Had:

Kathlea Mary, b. Aug. 1, 1939, m. Louis A. Bolduc July 15, 1959.

John, Jr., b. Dec. 31, 1937.

Pattilea Sandra, b. Sept. 20, 1941, m. Joseph P. Ciampaglia
Sept. 26, 1959.

Bonnilea Susan, b. Feb. 22, 1949.

NUTTING

CHARLES ALLEN NUTTING, s. John Chancy and Maria (Stone) Nutting, b. Leominster Nov. 11, 1873, d. Berlin Nov. 5, 1933; m. Alice Edna Merriam, dau. Lyman Wheeler and Ellen Maria (Lowe) Merriam, Apr. 20, 1904. She b. Fitchburg Nov. 25, 1874, d. Berlin Oct. 30, 1956. Family came to Berlin in 1910, employed with Truman P. Felton of Linden Street. Had:

John Lyman, b. Fitchburg June 1, 1905, m. Blanche J. (Wheeler) Falby Nov. 28, 1943.

Charles Edward, b. Nashua N. H. Aug. 16, 1906, m. Laura Austin Geers Mar. 16, 1934.

Henry Allen, b. Nashua, N. H. Apr. 28, 1908.

JOHN LYMAN NUTTING, s. Charles A. and Alice E. (Merriam) Nutting; m. Blanche J. (Wheeler) Falby, dau. William E. and Ethel E. (Randall) Wheeler, Nov. 28, 1943. Res. Derby Rd., brick house built by Welcome Barnes about 1815; later (1834) this became the home of Mary Whitcomb who married John B. Gough Nov. 23, 1843. Adopted children:

Beverly Jane Nutting, b. Aug. 13, 1944.

Lyman Clifford Nutting, b. Aug. 7, 1946.

CHARLES EDWARD NUTTING, s. Charles A. and Alice E. (Merriam) Nutting; m. Laura Austin Geers, dau. Otto Henricson and Edythe Belle (Woodward) Geers, Mar. 16, 1934. She b. Stow June 20, 1914. Her father (Otto H. Geers) d. Sept. 30, 1943. Had:

Barbara Ann, b. Feb. 6, 1937, m. William A. Hart, Jr., St. Paul, Minn. July 20, 1957. Had:

William Charles Hart, b. Germany Aug. 7, 1958.

Edith Alice, b. Mar. 3, 1938, m. Alfred W. Brewer May 3, 1958.

ORDWAY

ALFRED FROST ORDWAY, s. James H. and Frances A. (Locke) Ordway, b. April 11, 1881 in Hudson, d. Apr. 2, 1955; m. Eva Louise Carter, dau. Jonas H. and Annetta L. (Draper) Carter, Mar. 16, 1906. She d. June 6, 1956. Had:

Louise Frances, b. Sept. 11, 1906, m. William Lockhart Oct. 10, 1931.

Alfreda Lucie, b. Nov. 5, 1908, m. Philip W. Warren Sept. 24, 1938.

Doris Carter, b. Sept. 19, 1910, m. Vincent S. Eager June 20, 1933.

Edna Marion, b. Sept. 27, 1911, m. Donald M. Wilson Nov. 22, 1944.

Elizabeth, b. July 25, 1915, m. Carroll R. Wheeler Dec. 24, 1932.

PAINE

EVERETT LEWIS PAINE, s. Lewis E. and Lucy E. (Wheeler) Paine, b. Bolton Sept. 26, 1881; m. Flora Susan Randall, dau. Paul A. and Abbie W. (Kimmins) Randall, Apr. 4, 1903. She b. Aug. 27, 1880, d. Dec. 31, 1950. Res. in new house built by Paul A. Randall, about 1890, on Randall Road. Had:

Edith Abbie, b. July 22, 1906.

Lewis Randall, b. Apr. 19, 1908, m. Pauline Stratton, dau. Herbert and Vida (Folsom) Stratton of Hudson, Oct. 6, 1934. She b. Feb. 10, 1906. Res. Pleasant Street in house built by Rev. David R. Lampson (1834), later owned by Henry H. Bliss and heirs.

2m. Everett L. Paine—Susan M. (Thomas) Wetherbee Jan. 15, 1952. Built new house on West Street (1957).

PARMENTER

APPLETON DANA PARMENTER, s. Isaac of Sudbury, came to Berlin with his family in 1875, res. "New Worcester" of South Street; m. Julia Bancroft of Nelson, N. H. He d. Feb. 5, 1904, she d. Sept. 3, 1896. Had:

Ella R., b. Sudbury May 1, 1852, m. Edward P. Holden of Lowell, s. Josephus N. and Rosina H. Holden, Dec. 5, 1876.

Etta F., b. Sudbury June 8, 1856, m. Charles D. Mills of Keene, N. H., s. John K. and Elizabeth B. (Holt), Dec. 27, 1881, res. Jacksonville, Fla.

Emma N. b. Sudbury Mar. 10, 1858, m. James W. McLaren. He d. 1877. 2m. William Allen, s. William W. and Elizabeth

Allen. He d. May 22, 1888. She resides with her dau. Mrs. T. E. Miller, at 45 Bay State Rd., Worcester.

Isaac Fowler, b. Sudbury Sept. 14, 1860, d. Berlin May 8, 1938, m. Adelaide R. Cottle, dau. William and Julia Ann (Look) Cottle of North Tisbury (Martha's Vineyard), Sept. 28, 1887. Built house on South Street 1892. She b. N. Tisbury Mar. 23, 1861, d. Berlin Dec. 21, 1940.

Elsie Jennie, b. Sudbury Apr. 6, 1862, d. Jacksonville, Fla. Dec. 26, 1950, m. John K. Mills, s. John K. and Elizabeth Mills of Keene, N. H., Mar. 29, 1887.

EDWARD THOMAS PARMENTER, s. Henry G. and Ella May (End) Parmenter, b. May 22, 1880 in Northboro, d. June 16, 1951, came to Berlin in 1914; m. Lulu Marie Olive Cook, dau. Charles Frederick and Thora Amelia (Thorgeson) Cook, June 7, 1906. She b. Dec. 17, 1886. They had:

Ernest Waldo, b. Watertown May 21, 1907, m. Irene Breault of Stow Aug. 4, 1935.

Edward Carl, b. Apr. 12, 1909, m. Ruth M. Bowen Apr. 15, 1934.

Lulu Thora, b. Nov. 14, 1919, m. Roger M. Wheeler May 2, 1942.

WALDO G. PARMENTER, s. Henry G. and Ella May (End) Parmenter, b. Worcester Aug. 17, 1884; 2m. Lulu Marie Olive (Cook) Parmenter, Oct. 25, 1955.

PEIRCE

ARTHUR WARREN PEIRCE, s. Warren Clifton and Josephine L. (Babcock) Peirce, b. Northboro Aug. 6, 1888. His mother was dau. William Thomas Babcock of "Kelley Hill," Berlin, b. Mar. 20, 1864; m. Aug. 23, 1887. He m. Myrtle Day Arnold of Marlboro July 5, 1910. They had:

Helen Marion, b. Nov. 2, 1911, m. Joseph Wade.

Eleanor Josephine, b. July 27, 1913, m. Francis Santora.

Carolyn Howe, b. Jan. 27, 1915, m. Edwin Proctor.

Arthur Warren, Jr., b. Jan. 3, 1920, m. Mary Hayden; 2m. Jean Kirby.

Kenneth Leigh, b. July 28, 1927, m. Mary Audrey Boudreau.

KENNETH LEIGH PEIRCE, s. Arthur W. and Myrtle D. (Arnold) Peirce; m. Mary Audrey Boudreau of Grafton July 31, 1948. Had:
Susan Lee, b. May 4, 1951.
Karen Jean, b. Dec. 17, 1952.

PHIPPS

CARL DOUGLAS PHIPPS, s. John H. and Florence G. (Hill) Phipps, b. Marlboro May 14, 1900; m. Viola H. Ricker, dau. Giles and Ella M. (Gulliver) Ricker, Mar. 19, 1933. She b. Marlboro Nov. 29, 1902. Had:

Janet Ellen, b. Jan. 7, 1939.

Nancy Ella, b. June 3, 1941.

Douglas Henry, b. Jan. 22, 1943.

Came to Berlin in 1933; orchardist on Chedco Farm, Inc. Res. on Central Street in the remodeled Edward Bliss house of 1842. Descendants, Oliver C. Rice and Jerome O. Warren (Station Agt.) lived here as late as 1912.

PIERCE

ARTHUR FRANKLIN PIERCE, s. Isaac and Elisa (Thomson) Pierce, b. in Peru, Mass. Oct. 28, 1853, d. Nov. 20, 1941; m. Mary V. Cartwright, dau. Algernon and Sarah E. (Carter) Cartwright, June 10, 1879. She d. Dec. 19, 1916. Had:

Elisa V., b. Nov. 3, 1880, m. Lewis Helberg in Tenn. She d. Jan. 3, 1904.

Lillian E., b. Northboro Apr. 15, 1883, m. Edward S. Marsh. He d. Apr. 15, 1920. 2m. Frank E. Smith of Clinton Oct. 2, 1924.

Dorothy, b. May 18, 1897, m. Walter M. Allen.

EUGENE ALBERT PIERCE, s. Brigham Pierce, b. Rutland July 10, 1866, d. Bridgeport, Conn. Mar. 18, 1942, bur. Leominster. Came to Berlin 1922; m. Rosena E. (Tanner) Henry, wid. Albert E. Henry, Apr. 12, 1936, res. Crosby Road. She d. May 23, 1941.

GEORGE G. PIERCE, s. Orrin and Fidelia (Holden) Pierce, b. Rutland Jan. 17, 1870, d. Leominster Dec. 15, 1957. Came to Berlin in 1893, witnessed the construction of Metropolitan Aqueduct at Shaft No. 1 from Village at Dana Larkin's of Boylston Rd. Became engaged as teamster for S. R. Carter Stores until

taken over by Farm Service Company (1917). In 1932 purchased 80½ acres of the Larkin estate, including land of the original Philip Larkin and the homestead of John F. Larkin, now (1957) residence of Frederick W. Hatstat, Boylston Rd. The property is now owned by Laurence Rauscher of Clinton.

KENNETH MALCOLM PIERCE, s. Archie L. (d. Berlin June 24, 1959) and Mabel (Brown) Pierce, b. Stoneham, Mass. Aug. 13, 1910; m. Helen Louise Brown, dau. John A. and Elizabeth (MacConnell) Brown, June 2, 1935. She b. Dorchester Dec. 1, 1914. Came to Berlin in 1937, engaged in greenhouses of Samuel H. Wheeler Estate on Sawyer Hill Rd. Had:

Roger Kenneth, b. Dec. 30, 1941.

Douglas Stanley, b. Mar. 7, 1945.

Carolyn Jean, b. Sept. 13, 1946.

PLAMONDON

ALPHONSE PLAMONDON, s. John and Marie (Lafond) Plamondon, b. Lebanon, N. H., Mar. 17, 1887, d. Oct. 21, 1957; m. Adeline G. Poland, dau. Solomon Poland and Ellen A. (Teehan) Poland, Oct. 9, 1912. She b. Fitchburg Jan. 31, 1887, d. Berlin June 29, 1951. Had:

Norbert, b. July 8, 1919, m. Mollie Treadaway in England, 1945.

Came to Berlin in 1928 and operated Carter's Store of West Berlin.

POPP

EUGENE A. POPP, s. Michael and Barbara (Jahreis) Popp of Bolton, b. Bolton June 12, 1900; m. Iva Melvina Larkin, dau. Alfred Gilbert (d. Apr. 19, 1928) and Melvina Amanda (Luce) Larkin (d. Dec. 20, 1958) of Boylston, June 30, 1926. She b. Boylston Sept. 30, 1900. Mrs. Barbara (Jahreis) Popp d. Mar. 26, 1940; Michael Popp d. Bolton May 6, 1912. Had:

Barbara L., b. Clinton Dec. 30, 1927, m. William W. Blakely of Ann Arbor, Mich. Sept. 29, 1951. Res. Baltimore, Md.

Had:

Gail Jean Blakely, b. Sept. 10, 1954.

Christopher Edward, b. Sept. 11, 1957.

Marjorie J., b. Berlin May 15, 1929, m. Donald K. Groat Sept. 17, 1955.

Virginia May, b. Berlin May 12, 1940.

POTAS

PETER POTAS, s. Ludwig and Mary (Szablak) Potas, b. Poland June 2, 1881. He m. Mary Baldyga, dau. Hilary and Mary (Kaprashewska) Baldyga, Jan. 1901. She b. Poland Dec. 1885, d. Berlin June 29, 1940. Had:

Stanley, b. June 1904, d. Sept. 1908.

Frank William, b. June 14, 1909, m. Maryann Katherine Mroczek of Webster Oct. 5, 1936.

Walter Stanley, b. June 10, 1911, m. Anna Camellia Ciesluk Oct. 1, 1938.

Bertha T., b. Dec. 17, 1916, m. Arnold Willis Gage, June 27, 1942.

Julius Anthony, b. June 28, 1920.

WALTER STANLEY POTAS, s. Peter and Mary (Baldyga) Potas; m. Anna Camellia Ciesluk, dau. John and Sophia (Zakrzewska) Ciesluk, Oct. 1, 1938. He conducts the Aircraft Woven Label Company located on Randall Road. Had:

Lorraine Ann, b. July 4, 1943.

Edmund Walter, b. June 19, 1946.

Donald Peter, b. Apr. 20, 1949.

POWELL

CHARLES W. POWELL, s. William (d. Berlin Dec. 24, 1932) and Emma (Fay) Powell (d. Berlin Sept. 25, 1925), b. July 12, 1887; m. Pauline Hazel Felton, dau. Truman P. and Mary L. (Whitcomb) Felton, Oct. 2, 1913. Had:

Chester Felton, b. Feb. 17, 1916, m. Paula Lovering.

Cora May, b. Aug. 4, 1918, m. Carl B. Devine.

CHESTER FELTON POWELL, s. Charles W. and Pauline (Felton) Powell; m. Paula Lovering, dau. James and Alice (Bearce) Lovering, Oct. 5, 1945. She b. July 3, 1922. Had:

Craig Barton, b. Oct. 6, 1946.

Melanie Martha, b. Aug. 28, 1948.

Jeffrey Charles, b. Feb. 24, 1954.

PRATT

HENRY DEWITT PRATT of Marlboro; m. Lucy Bigelow Hapgood, dau. Lewis I. and Mary Green (Wheeler) Hapgood, Dec. 24, 1904. She b. Sept. 23, 1883, d. Mar. 20, 1917. Had:

Miriam, b. May 17, 1905, m. Adelbert Eason Coulson.

Howard Hapgood, b. June 23, 1906.

Lewis Henry, b. Oct. 25, 1908, d. June 9, 1958.

Olive Lenora, b. Nov. 20, 1909, m. Roy Parker of Hudson. Had:

Harriet Lenora, b. Dec. 19, 1929.

PUFFER

JOSEPH ADAMS PUFFER, s. William H. and Susanna W. (Coffin) Puffer, b. Harrington, Me. Feb. 13, 1872, d. July 27, 1958; m. E. Hope Rice, dau. Willis and Harriet S. (Fay) Rice, Oct. 1, 1903. Had:

Evelyn Hope, b. Oct. 30, 1905, m. Harry E. Knowlton July 16, 1942.

Ruth Rice, b. Aug. 31, 1907.

Stanwood Adams, b. Aug. 8, 1909, m. Arline Lillian Holden Aug. 17, 1929; 2m. Carolyn Taylor.

Marjorie, b. Aug. 30, 1912, m. Harris G. Field Sept. 19, 1931.

RAINVILLE

RAYMOND J. RAINVILLE, b. South Hadley Jan. 23, 1909; m. Irene Paquette June 23, 1934. She b. Indian Orchard Jan. 5, 1914. Came to Berlin from Hudson in 1949, having purchased the John H. Barnes farm on Barnes Hill Road of Stephen Kalinowski. Had:

Norman R., b. July 28, 1935.

Conrad T., b. Dec. 11, 1936.

Robert D., b. Mar. 27, 1939.

Leonard A., b. July 28, 1940.

Philip R., b. Apr. 24, 1948.

Ruth Phyllis, b. Berlin May 20, 1949.

Claude Randall, b. Berlin Aug. 20, 1952.

Jacqueline Robin, b. Berlin Jan. 20, 1954.

Jeanne Sharon, b. Berlin July 8, 1955.

Judith Anne, b. Berlin Aug. 10, 1959.

RAND

JAMES ELDRIDGE RAND, s. Frederick T. (d. June 24, 1947) and Katie (Stoddard) Rand, b. Cambridge Aug. 16, 1896; m. Ella G. Galbraith, dau. John and Mary (Parker) Galbraith, July 8, 1922. She b. Charlemont, Mass. June 24, 1901. Had:

Althea Ethelyn, b. Buckland, Mass. Feb. 13, 1924, m. Earl Stewart Wilson June 29, 1946.

James Eldridge, Jr., b. Buckland, Mass. Mar. 22, 1925, m. Eleanor Frances McNamara June 29, 1946.

RANDALL

PAUL ALDRICH RANDALL, s. Joseph and Phebe Randall of Bolton, b. July 8, 1830, d. Jan. 21, 1906; m. Abbie Wheeler Kimmins, dau. John and Dinah Kimmins, June 30, 1860. She b. April 28, 1840, d. June 14, 1920. Had:

Joseph John, b. Apr. 13, 1861, m. Anna A. Grant Apr. 29, 1883.

Reuben Henry, b. May 9, 1863, d. Feb. 13, 1867.

Lucy Jane, b. Oct. 13, 1868, m. Charles E. Small Nov. 11, 1886.

Alice Phebe, b. Sept. 27, 1870, m. Lewis E. Day Feb. 6, 1890.

Flora Susan, b. Aug. 27, 1880, m. Everett L. Paine Apr. 4, 1903.

Paul A. Randall settled in Berlin on the David Southwick place of Randall Road about 1860. It is said to have been first occupied by Francis McFadin (member of Friends' Society). David Southwick married Elizabeth Sweet (Apr. 16, 1779) and they with her father, Stephen Sweet, settled here in 1780. They were followed by Oliver and Nancy Young; Oliver d. May 19, 1857 and Nancy d. Dec. 24, 1958. She bequeathed the Nancy Young School Trust Fund to the Town of Berlin.

After Charles E. Small married Lucy J. Randall (Nov. 11, 1886), Paul A. Randall built a new house (1889) across the road, where Carl A. Barter (1957) now lives.

RAYNER

HALL C. RAYNER, s. Elijah Hardy and Edith (Knox) Rayner, b. Worcester Aug. 17, 1905; m. Marion L. Hoyt, dau. John I. and Marion C. (Davis) Hoyt (Mrs. Hoyt d. May 21, 1959), Dec. 14, 1930. She b. Worcester June 12, 1910. Had:

Jean Charlotte Rayner, b. Worcester Sept. 9, 1931, m. Cecil

Burton Wheeler, Jr. June 26, 1954. Had:

Wendy Marion, b. June 17, 1959.

Janet Marion, b. Dundee, Ohio Dec. 2, 1934, m. Warren William Ordway. Had:

Debra Ann Ordway, b. Sept. 12, 1955.

Sandra Jean Ordway, b. Oct. 14, 1956.

Ralph Richard, b. Dundee, Ohio Mar. 9, 1937.

RICE

OLIVER C. RICE, s. Nathan and Eliza Ann (Walker) Rice, b. Berlin Sept. 15, 1848, d. Berlin Jan. 22, 1920; m. M. Augusta Bliss, dau. Edward and Zilpha H. (Sawyer) Bliss, Dec. 25, 1870. She b. Berlin Dec. 9, 1849, d. Warren, Ohio Jan. 19, 1928 (bur. Pleasant St., Berlin). Had:

Louisa May, b. Apr. 14, 1874, m. Jerome B. Warren.

Leslie Oliver, b. Dec. 21, 1885, m. Mae E. White.

Res. on Central Street, in house now occupied by Carl D. Phipps (1957).

LESLIE OLIVER RICE, s. Oliver C. and M. Augusta (Bliss) Rice, m. Mae E. White of Warren, Ohio, June 20, 1914. Moved from Berlin in 1912. Had:

Charles L., b. Warren, O., Apr. 15, 1915.

Edythe M., b. Warren, O., July 5, 1918.

WILLIS RICE, s. Abel Rice of Marlboro, b. Marlboro Aug. 9, 1845, d. Berlin Dec. 15, 1927; m. Harriet Susan Fay, dau. Nahum W. and Emily R. (Thompson) Fay, Apr. 3, 1873. She b. Northboro Feb. 23, 1850, d. Berlin Sept. 23, 1923. Had:

Emily Hope, b. Jan. 5, 1874, m. J. Adams Puffer.

Effie G., b. Sept. 3, 1875, m. E. Montrose Evans. Had:

Richard Rice Evans, June 16, 1916.

Frances E., b. Feb. 4, 1878, d. Apr. 29, 1957 Cleveland, O.

Lucy Fay, b. Feb. 13, 1884, d. Dec. 17, 1930 Berlin.

RISI

BENEDETTO RISI, born in Italy, d. 1923; m. Antionette (De-Mambro). She b. Italy, d. Berlin Jan. 27, 1959. Had:

John Joseph, b. May 8, 1901, m. Katherine O'Leary Mar. 16, 1929. 2m. Mildred Adeline Johnson Apr. 9, 1944.

Richard William, b. June 15, 1905, m. Dorothy Frances (Bailey) Wheeler, Apr. 26, 1953.

Mary E., b. Oct. 30, 1911.

Cora, b. Feb. 25, 1914.

Joseph Benjamin, b. Oct. 15, 1915, m. Antonetta Hilda Di-Nucci of Providence, R. I. Oct. 12, 1949.

Carl Paul, b. July 29, 1920, m. Valerie G. Ferro Oct. 11, 1947.
Had:

Antoinette Mary, b. Apr. 19, 1949.

Valerie Concetta, b. Apr. 14, 1950.

Sharon Marie, b. Oct. 6, 1955.

Carl Paul, Jr., b. Aug. 14, 1958.

ROGERS

CLYDE E. ROGERS, s. Henry and Parney (Barteaux) Rogers, b. Hudson May 19, 1899, d. Aug. 13, 1958; m. Iva M. Hebb, dau. James H. and Amy H. (Farwell) Hebb, Sept. 4, 1918. She b. Berlin Sept. 22, 1900. Had :

Emma Josephine, b. June 26, 1921, m. Francis E. Underwood of Clinton June 5, 1944. Had:

James Francis, b. Dec. 13, 1946.

Robert Clyde, b. Aug. 18, 1949.

Edith Louise, b. Aug. 30, 1926, m. Walter E. Pelletier. Had:

Patricia Ann, b. Dec. 13, 1946.

Richard Walter, b. Apr. 29, 1948.

John Harold, b. Nov. 6, 1952.

Robert Warren, b. Dec. 24, 1958.

ROSEBERRY

JOSEPH LOUIS ROSEBERRY, s. Louis J. and Emma (Roseberry) Roseberry b. St. Pierre, Broughton, Canada Sept. 3, 1904; m. Julianne Marie Mercier, dau. Octave and Alphonsine (Roseberry) Mercier, Oct. 23, 1935. She b. St. Methode, Frontenac Co., Canada Mar. 29, 1910. Had:

Bertina Marie, b. Boylston Aug. 20, 1936.

Dora Theresa Marie, b. Boylston Oct. 11, 1938, m. William J. Capite Apr. 7, 1956. Had:

Joan Theresa Capite, b. Worcester June 22, 1957.

Alphonse J., b. Boylston Sept. 22, 1940.

Mary Ann, b. Boylston May 11, 1942.

Louise, b. Boylston Sept. 5, 1943.

Joseph Henry, b. Boylston Aug. 29, 1945.

Lucille Maria, b. Berlin Jan. 4, 1949.

Paul Joseph, b. Berlin Sept. 7, 1951.

Mr. Roseberry settled on the Lewis W. Paradise farm of Linden Street in 1946. This ranks among the early settlements of Berlin. Phineas Howe was considered the first owner, around the year 1755 (his son, Silas Howe, b. there Mar. 28, 1760). His brother, Silas Howe, was a successor on this farm, but removed to Rumford, Me., around 1800. Later the Daniel Goodnow house (of Ball Hill) was moved and added between the original house and shed. After Fortunatus Barnes settled on Barnes Hill in 1766, he bought 80 acres of the Howe farm on which he kept cattle and fed them from the "Rack Meadows." Silas S. Greenlief was assessed to 100 acres of this property between 1855 and 1889. The farm has been exchanged among many owners, until Mr. Roseberry purchased the 96 acres of Mr. Ovide Dupont.

ROSS

ERNEST CLIFFORD ROSS, s. Donald and Sarah Ann (Randall) Ross, b. Nov. 9, 1867, d. July 5, 1939; m. Nellie M. Fosgate, dau. George W. and Eunice C. (Dodge) Fosgate, June 20, 1895. She b. Aug. 23, 1865, d. Jan. 20, 1956. Had:

Donald Ernest, b. Aug. 18, 1896, m. Florence Gertrude Martin, dau. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Martin, June 3, 1921. Res. Amherst, Mass.

Percy Thomas, b. Oct. 22, 1899, m. Marion Carpenter.

Lester George Ross, b. May 31, 1898, m. Mildred L. Wheeler.

PERCY THOMAS ROSS, s. Ernest C. and Nellie M. (Fosgate) Ross; m. Marion Carpenter, dau. F. Scott and Eva (MacMaster) Carpenter, Mar. 8, 1924. She b. June 2, 1901 in Fitchburg. Had:

Robert Thomas, b. Nov. 6, 1925, m. Viola Greeley.

Barbara Marion, b. Dec. 5, 1926, m. Kenneth M. Perry Oct. 4, 1958.

ROBERT THOMAS ROSS, s. Percy Thomas and Marion (Carpenter) Ross; m. Viola S. Greeley, dau. Willis S. and Eleanor (Strat-

ton) Greeley, Apr. 28, 1946. Res. and insurance agency at 80 Central St., Hudson, Mass. Had:

Robert Thomas, Jr., b. Aug. 3, 1947.

Stephen Greeley, b. Nov. 5, 1949.

Betsy Ann, b. Dec. 31, 1950.

Nancy Jane, b. Feb. 25, 1952.

Jonathan Stratton, b. Mar. 9, 1957.

Jeffrey Ernest, b. Mar. 9, 1957.

LESTER GEORGE ROSS, s. Ernest C. and Nellie M. (Fosgate) Ross; m. Mildred Luella Wheeler, dau. Herbert L. and Adelia L. (Berry) Wheeler, June 19, 1919. Had:

Edward Lester, b. Sept. 3, 1922, m. Florence Ann Wheeler.

Everett George, b. Apr. 3, 1925, m. Beverly J. Jamison.

EDWARD LESTER ROSS, s. Lester G. and Mildred L. (Wheeler) Ross; m. Florence Ann Wheeler, dau. Waldo L. and Hazel I. (Sawyer) Wheeler, Sept. 26, 1942. He d. Jan. 31, 1946. Had:

Judith Ann, b. April 13, 1944.

David Edward, b. April 24, 1945.

EVERETT GEORGE ROSS, s. Lester G. and Mildred L. (Wheeler) Ross; m. Beverly J. Jamison, dau. Earle Andrew and Diana (Kirkpatrick) Jamison, Feb. 16, 1954. Had:

Lorri Lou, b. Pittsfield Nov. 24, 1954.

Jody Elaine, b. June 18, 1956.

Daniel Edward, b. Feb. 6, 1959.

ROWE

LOUIS VICTOR ROWE, s. Victor Ephraim and Annie Elizabeth (Scotten) Rowe, b. Malden June 1, 1893; m. Louise Clara Strasburg, dau. Fred Ernest and Lina (Bruckner) Strasburg, Sept. 18, 1922. She b. Brooklyn, N. Y. Feb. 1, 1895. Came to Berlin in 1927, located on the John G. Fosgate place on Fosgate Rd. and conducts a plant nursery and flower farm. Had:

Alma Elizabeth, b. Aug. 30, 1923 Richmond Hill, N. Y., m.

Charles William Stewart of Wheeling, W. Va. Aug. 21, 1948.

Res. Rev. Charles W. Stewart, Ph.D. of 2433 So. Dahlia Lane, Denver 22, Colorado. Had:

Mark William, b. Columbus, O. June 27, 1951.

Louise Ann, b. Mystic, Conn. Jan. 6, 1954.

Peter Rowe, b. Mystic, Conn. Mar. 18, 1955.

ROYS

FREDERICK DIMON ROYS, s. William Plumer and Caroline (Holden) Roys, b. Roxbury June 3, 1857, d. Berlin July 26, 1936; m. Mary Amanda Poland, dau. John and Elvira (Cram) Poland, Nov. 8, 1884. She b. Wakefield May 8, 1863, d. Nov. 16, 1935. Had:

Marion Edith, b. Mar. 6, 1888, d. Woodbury, Conn. Sept. 10, 1958.

Florence Belle, b. Sept. 26, 1896, m. Leon Arthur Brewer.

RUSSELL

CLARENCE JAMES RUSSELL, of Stow; m. Barbara Jean Tansey, dau. Warren W. and Helen L. (Wheeler) Tansey, Nov. 16, 1946. Had:

Clarence James, b. Aug. 1, 1947, d. Aug. 1, 1947.

Nancy Ann, b. Sept. 2, 1948.

Peter James, b. Jan. 8, 1952.

SARGENT

CHARLES WILLARD SARGENT, s. William and Sophia R. Sargent, b. Littleton June 19, 1861, d. Berlin Oct. 19, 1951; m. Hulda H. Wohlrabe, b. Germany, d. Clinton Mar. 25, 1922. Had:

George Webster, b. Bolton Mar. 29, 1890, m. Clara L. Bent.

Leroy Ernest Samuel, b. Berlin Jan. 11, 1896.

Walter Lewis, b. Berlin Dec. 11, 1897, m. Hertha K. Fraas.

Alice Marion, b. Berlin May 26, 1900.

Dora Josephine, b. Berlin June 21, 1902.

Ralph Otis, b. Berlin Mar. 26, 1905.

GEORGE WEBSTER SARGENT, s. Charles W. and Hulda H. (Wohlrabe) Sargent; m. Clara L. Bent, dau. Joseph and Anna (Ellis) Bent of Boston, May 22, 1911. She b. Yarmouth, N. S. June 26, 1895. Came to Berlin in 1920, foreman on the Grace E. Mott estate of Highland St. In 1939 he purchased and settled on the Fred Turnbull place on Randall Rd., at the junction with Coburn Rd. Had:

Grace Lavina, b. Apr. 21, 1912, m. Robert Stone, res. Fitchburg.

May Irene, b. Oct. 31, 1913, d. Apr. 4, 1913.

Florence Elizabeth, b. Mar. 21, 1915, m. Edward W. J. La-Fountain of Clinton April 1, 1933.

Henry Webster, b. May 5, 1925, m. Blanche A. French Jan. 6, 1945.

Charles George, b. July 20, 1929, m. Beatrice Jane Roberts.

WALTER LEWIS SARGENT, s. Charles W. and Hulda H. Wohlrabe) Sargent; m. Hertha K. Fraas, dau. John and Lena (Leopol) Fraas, June 6, 1922. She b. Lawrence June 20, 1904. Res. Coburn Rd. Had:

Edward Walter Lewis, b. Mar. 1, 1923.

Albert Roger Milton, b. Nov. 17, 1924, m. Delores F. Dandron.

Walter Lewis, Jr., b. June 2, 1926, m. Harriet Nancy Phillips July 31, 1948.

ALBERT ROGER MILTON SARGENT, s. Walter L. and Hertha K. (Fraas), m. Delores Dandron. Had:

Albert Roger Milton, b. May 7, 1947.

Carol June, b. Dec. 24, 1948.

SAWTELLE

EBENEZER S. SAWTELLE, s. Ebenezer S. (d. Feb. 15, 1901) and Roxana (Bruce) Sawtelle (d. Mar. 27, 1890), b. Nov. 6, 1846, d. Nov. 11, 1935; m. Harriet A. Wheeler, dau. Elisha T. and Elizabeth (Fry) Wheeler, June 20, 1869. She b. May 14, 1848, d. Sept. 22, 1890. They resided on the Esq. Asa Sawyer place of Central Street. Had:

William Henry, b. Apr. 13, 1870, d. Dec. 16, 1922.

2m. Minnie H. Lewis. Had:

Walter Stetson, b. Sept. 14, 1896, m. Marie M. Fischer Aug. 20, 1919.

Mabel Esther, b. Nov. 5, 1898. Res. Washington, D. C.

Stanley Reed, b. Oct. 29, 1901, d. July 21, 1926.

Frances M., b. Dec. 27, 1905, d. Apr. 25, 1906.

Arthur H., b. 1907.

Harold Atherton, b. Mar. 11, 1910, d. Feb. 26, 1943.

Irving Lewis, b. May 4, 1913.

Roger Linwood, b. Sept. 12, 1921.

Mrs. Minnie H. Sawtelle, 2m. to W. H. Daniels of New London, Conn. She d. Apr. 6, 1941, bur. in Pleasant Street Cemetery.

SAWYER

- I. Dea. Josiah Sawyer of Bolton, b. 1714, m. 1738;
2m. 1764, d. 1805 (Deacon 1770-1799).
- II. Capt. Josiah Sawyer, s. Dea. Josiah, b. 1752, m. 1770;
2m. 1781;
3m 1786; d. 1808.
- III. Alvan Sawyer, s. Capt. Josiah, b. 1770, m. 1794, d. 1842.
- III. Ira Sawyer, s. Capt. Josiah, b. 1787, m. 1811, d. 1861.
- III. Lucinda Sawyer, dau. Capt. Josiah, b. 1789, m. Amory
Carter 1808, d. 1875.
- III. Rufus Sawyer, s. Capt. Josiah, b. 1790, m. 1813, d. 1865.
- IV. George W. Sawyer, s. Alvan, b. 1811, m. 1839, d. 1881.
- IV. Hartwell Sawyer, s. Ira, b. 1818, m. 1842, d. 1898.
- IV. Benjamin H. Sawyer, s. Ira, b. 1826, m. 1851, d. 1889.
- IV. Alden Sawyer, s. Rufus, b. 1814, m. 1842, d. 1889.
- V. Charles M. Sawyer, s. George W. (see Genealogy).
- V. Ivers H. Sawyer, s. Hartwell (see Genealogy).
- V. Arthur Franklin Sawyer, s. Benjamin H. (see Genealogy).
- V. Joseph Henry Sawyer, s. Alden, b. 1845, m. 1869, d. 1915.
- VI. Walter A. Sawyer, s. Joseph H. (see Genealogy).

SAWYER

ARTHUR FRANKLIN SAWYER, s. Benjamin H. and Sophia P. (Rice) Sawyer, b. Berlin Mar. 15, 1856, d. Berlin Nov. 10, 1935; m. Mary Grace Bliss, dau. Charles Henry and Martha A. (Staples) Bliss, May 14, 1884. She b. Berlin Jan. 4, 1863, d. Berlin Sept. 3, 1925. Res. homestead of her father (Charles H. Bliss) of Pleasant Street, built by Rev. David R. Lampson (1834).

CHARLES MARSHALL SAWYER, s. George W. and Mary Ann (Sawyer) Sawyer, b. Berlin April 21, 1852, d. Berlin Aug. 27, 1922; m. Julia Ida Bassett, dau. William and Patience (Tyler) Bassett, Nov. 19, 1879. She b. Worcester Oct. 26, 1854, d. Berlin Feb. 22, 1939. Had:

Florence M., b. Apr. 6, 1884, m. Perley B. Sawyer Oct. 30, 1906.

Hazel Isabelle, b. June 30, 1886, m. Waldo L. Wheeler, Oct. 15, 1913.

Marjorie Louise, b. Oct. 21, 1888, m. Percy R. Coldwell Aug. 27, 1913.

Hermon Loren, b. Dec. 30, 1890, m. Hazel L. Wheeler Oct. 6, 1923.

Beatrice Gale, b. Aug. 30, 1892, d. Dec. 11, 1906.

William George, b. Feb. 19, 1895.

HERMON LOREN SAWYER, s. Charles M. and Julia Ida (Bassett) Sawyer; m. Hazel Lucy Wheeler, dau. Walter A. and Ella L. (Howe) Wheeler Oct. 6, 1923. Had:

Donald Howe, b. Feb. 7, 1925, d. June 23, 1927.

Richard Bassett, b. Apr. 6, 1928.

Lawrence Bigelow, b. Jan. 4, 1934, m. Rose Marie Spinney Dec. 29, 1956. Had:

Lawrence Bigelow, Jr., b. Aug. 7, 1958.

Hermon L. Sawyer res. Linden St. in the homestead of his grandfather, George W. Sawyer, which was formerly known as the James Goddard place (1785).

IVERS HARTWELL SAWYER, s. Hartwell and Zilpah Marie (Bartlett) Sawyer, b. July 13, 1847, d. Feb. 10, 1907; m. Abbie Maria Farwell, dau. George and Mary Maria (Worster) Farwell, June 14, 1871. She b. Jan. 22, 1853, d. Dec. 6, 1934. Homestead on

West Street, now (1957) the Lionel Manseau Poultry Farm. Had:
Ivers Ellsworth, b. Apr. 22, 1874, d. July 30, 1947, m. Jennie E. Cameron of Hudson, dau. Ira C. and Cordelia (Leonard) Cameron, Sept. 21, 1899.

George Hartwell, b. May 8, 1876, d. Nov. 19, 1946, m. Edith R. Sanderson, dau. George Albert and Martha Ann (Rodman) Sanderson, June 16, 1908. She b. Mar. 19, 1875, d. Apr. 1, 1945. Her mother d. Feb. 16, 1910; her father d. July 25, 1923.

Perley Bartlett, b. Oct. 1, 1878, m. Florence M. Sawyer Oct. 30, 1906. Res. Bolton.

Ethel Maria Gertrude, b. May 15, 1881, d. Sept. 8, 1951.

Harriet Worster, b. Mar. 21, 1886, m. Hermon C. Maddocks Aug. 9, 1909, d. Jan. 23, 1924. Res. Brimfield.

Elcia Guy, b. Aug. 21, 1892, m. Maude A. Barter Oct. 24, 1913.

E. GUY SAWYER, s. Ivers H. and Abbie M. (Farwell) Sawyer, b. Aug. 21, 1892; m. Maude A. Barter, dau. James W. and Carrie (Gleason) Barter of Beverly, Mass., Oct. 24, 1913. Had:

Ellsworth Guy, b. June 9, 1915, m. Loraine Russell.

Ivers Sidney, b. Oct. 14, 1922, m. Shirley Marie Matson of Worcester June 25, 1949.

ELLSWORTH GUY SAWYER, s. E. Guy and Maude A. (Barter) Sawyer, m. Loraine E. Russell, dau. Harry M. and Ida H. (Robinson) Russell, June 25, 1942. She b. Oxford, N. H. Jan. 9, 1914; her mother d. Berlin June 22, 1957. Had:

Jane Loraine, b. May 11, 1946.

IVERS SIDNEY SAWYER, s. E. Guy and Maude A. (Barter) Sawyer; m. Shirley Marie Matson of Worcester June 25, 1949. Had:

Wendy Marie, b. Dec. 24, 1953.

Arthur Gary, b. Jan. 24, 1955, d. Jan. 23, 1958.

Brian Guy, b. Jan. 24, 1955.

WALTER ALDEN SAWYER, s. Joseph Henry (d. Berlin May 20, 1915) and Abbie Louisa (Green) (d. Worcester Feb. 20, 1937) Sawyer, b. (Stone House) Berlin June 28, 1880. His mother was dau. of Edward F. Green. He m. Mary E. Mahan, dau. Philip and Mary E. (Leary) Mahan, Dec. 26, 1904. She b. Stonington, Conn. Feb. 24, 1878, d. Berlin Mar. 20, 1944. Had:

Walter Henry, b. Aug. 23, 1905, m. Ellen Linstedt Aug. 2, 1927.
Res. Woonsocket, R. I.

Harold Francis, b. Nov. 12, 1908, m. Marie Ganthier. Res.
Putnam, Conn.

William Earl, b. June 19, 1911, d. Jan. 9, 1958, m. Irene Rita
Izzo.

Kenneth Everett, b. Jan 19, 1913, m. Josephine Marie Murphy.
Eleanor Mae, b. Nov. 9, 1915, m. John W. Bosselman, Jr.

KENNETH EVERETT SAWYER, s. Walter A. and Mary E. (Mahan)
Sawyer; m. Josephine Marie Murphy, dau. Patrick J. and Catherine
(Halloran) Murphy, April 23, 1938. She b. Clinton Aug. 17,
1918. Had:

Kenneth Joseph, b. Mar. 11, 1939.

Judith Eleanor, b. Apr. 10, 1941.

Thomas Francis, b. Feb. 26, 1943.

Paul Peter, b. Dec. 21, 1944.

Richard William, b. June 15, 1946.

Gerald James, b. Mar. 25, 1951.

Kathleen Ann, b. Dec. 3, 1957.

SCHARTNER

JOSEPH SCHARTNER, s. John August and Etta (Smith) Schartner,
b. Lithuania Mar. 15, 1872. Came to Berlin in 1900, bought the
Dustin S. Lucier place on Crosby Road, South Berlin; m. Lena
(Schultz) Ulrich, wid. Julius Ulrich, Jan. 27, 1900; she d. Berlin
Feb. 14, 1947. Children of Julius and Lena (Schultz) Ulrich:

Frederick William Ulrich, b. July 4, 1895, m. Fannie E. Tritt,
dau. Henry F. and Ellen G. (McRary) Tritt of Hudson, N. C.
Both he and she d. Clinton Aug. 24, 1954. Their dau. Lena
Ellen Ulrich res. Joe Schartner home of West St.

William Gottfried Ulrich, b. Jan. 24, 1897, m. Idella Trehwella.

Henry Albert Ulrich, b. May 30, 1899, m. Irene R. Evans June
26, 1926. Res. Lancaster, business in Clinton. 2m. May Rich-
ardson.

Children of Joseph and Lena (Schultz) Schartner:

Emma, b. Apr. 9, 1901.

Elizabeth, b. Apr. 11, 1903, m. William James Wright Sept. 17,
1927.

Edward Joseph, b. Mar. 15, 1905, m. Lillian Rose Wirth June 12, 1937.

Minnie Bertha, b. May 17, 1907, m. Edward Albert Wirth June 18, 1934.

Albert Carl, b. April 8, 1909, d. Sept. 9, 1939, m. Ella May Cooke Sept. 1, 1930. She d. Apr. 1, 1933. Their son, *Albert L. Schartner*, became the foster son of Elizabeth and William J. Wright. He m. Kathleen McBride of Avalon, Pa. in 1954; was ordained as minister of Presbyterian Church July 1, 1956.

John August, b. Dec. 24, 1911, m. Mary Elena Broadbridge Oct. 27, 1934. Res. Wickford, R. I.

Joseph Julius, b. Mar. 22, 1914, m. Dorothy Young Peterson July 3, 1937. Res. Bolton.

SEARS

PERLEY B. SEARS, s. George and Julia (Monro) Sears, b. Maine Mar. 6, 1880; m. Minnie E. Stone (dau. John R. Ford) Nov. 1899. She b. May 16, 1880. Had:

William W., b. Oct. 24, 1900, m. Margaret O'Brien.

Albert Monro, b. Dec. 29, 1902, m. Julia F. Flynn; they had:

Richard Harding, b. Oct. 11, 1922, m. Rose Der Stepanian.

Dorothy I., b. Aug. 1, 1924.

Albert M. Jr., b. Nov. 14, 1926.

Hazel I., b. June 27, 1904, m. Herman Levine.

Perley B. Jr., b. 1907, m. Ann G.,

Richard Henry, b. 1915.

RICHARD HARDING SEARS, adopted son of Perley B. and Minnie E. (Stone) Sears, b. Cambridge Oct. 11, 1922, m. Rose Der Stepanian, dau. Henry and Mary (Khorsigian) Der Stepanian, June 14, 1947. She b. Worcester July 13, 1923. Had:

Robert Brian, b. Jan. 9, 1950.

Stephen Jeffrey, b. Apr. 14, 1951.

SEYMOUR

HENRY SEYMOUR, s. Henry Seymour of Canada, b. July 4, 1861. Came to Berlin with family in 1906 and located on South Street in the section known as New Worcester. His father (Henry Seymour) d. Berlin Nov. 16, 1906. He m. Malvina Scott, dau. Remi

and Sarah Scott of St. Hyacinth, Canada, Jan. of 1880. She b. Canada Oct. 3, 1862 and d. Berlin Oct. 3, 1936. Had:

Flora, b. Mar. 9, 1881, m. Fred Leroy; she d. Feb. 14, 1928.

Henry Joseph, b. Oct. 9, 1883, d. Jan. 1, 1908.

Leo Wilfred, b. June 2, 1885, d. May 30, 1927.

Donalda S., b. 1889, m. Edward E. Robinson Nov. 15, 1910; she d. Sept. 18, 1914.

Arthur J., b. Dec. 28, 1891. Res. Northboro.

Lydia A., b. Feb. 25, 1893, m. Arthur D. Chapdelaine Oct. 25, 1915.

Edward J., b. 1895, m. Mary L. Huston, Sept. 25, 1920.

Roseallia Marie, b. Jan. 15, 1896, m. Francis Benway Oct. 28, 1918.

Frederick Joseph, b. 1902, m. Alice Marie Pariceau Dec. 25, 1926.

Raymond J., b. June 2, 1904, m. Yvonne B. Pariceau Aug. 16, 1927.

SHATTUCK

ELIJAH CARTER SHATTUCK, s. Stephen Jr. and Hannah (Carter) Shattuck, b. Marlboro Aug. 27, 1820, d. Berlin June 8, 1899; m. Olive C. Wheeler, dau. Levi Wheeler, Sept. 25, 1848. She b. Apr. 4, 1829, d. Sept. 24, 1909. Had:

George Marshall, b. Jan. 19, 1850, m. Sarah Abbie Babcock May 18, 1870, d. May 20, 1876.

Miranda Grace, b. July 29, 1858, she d. Jan. 6, 1862.

Clara Louisa, b. July 9, 1863, m. William S. Eager; she d. Dec. 4, 1935.

Mary Isabelle Colburn, b. Apr. 19, 1868, she d. Aug. 18, 1957.

SHERMAN

WILLIAM HARRINGTON SHERMAN, s. Nelson Turner and Susan (Harrington) Sherman, b. July 18, 1893, d. June 8, 1925; m. Suzanne M. (Maxfield), dau. Edward and Mary (Engblom) Maxfield, Aug. 22, 1919. She b. Oct. 4, 1893, d. Sept. 4, 1954. Had:

Nelson Turner, b. Oct. 10, 1920, m. Grace A. Spaulding.

William Maxfield, b. Mar. 24, 1922, m. Catherine A. McDonough of New York. Had:

William Michael, b. Sept. 19, 1945.

Thomas, b. Aug. 8, 1947.

Jane Elizabeth, b. Aug. 25, 1949.

Kathleen Anne, b. July 11, 1951.

SMALL

CHARLES EVERETT SMALL, s. Charles and Ann A. Small, b. West Gardiner, Maine Feb. 3, 1863, d. Berlin Apr. 2, 1938; m. Lucy Jane Randall, dau. Paul A. and Abbie W. (Kimmins) Randall of Bolton, Nov. 11, 1886. She b. Bolton Oct. 13, 1868, d. Berlin Aug. 26, 1930. Had:

Ralph Burton, b. Jan. 11, 1889, d. Nov. 18, 1937, m. Ruea Etta Carter, dau. Sidney B. and Julie E. (Fosgate) Carter, Jan. 9, 1915.

Myron Randall, b. July 21, 1890, m. Elizabeth Esther Barker of Clinton Aug. 19, 1916.

Flora Edith, b. Nov. 11, 1898, m. Oliver E. Smith July 31, 1919.

Annie Estella, b. Jan. 21, 1901, m. Orison B. Sloat July 1, 1920. Res. Leonia, N. J. Had:

George Everett Sloat, b. Sept. 29, 1921.

The Charles E. Small residence is one of the older houses remodeled. It is said to have been first occupied by Francis McFadin. David Southwick married Elizabeth Sweet Apr. 16, 1779, and they with her father (Stephen Sweet) settled here in 1780. They were followed by Oliver and Nancy Young, and then Paul A. Randall in 1860.

SMITH

OLIVER EVANS SMITH, s. Henry Clay and Sarah Frances (Amos) Smith, b. Aberdeen, Md. Mar. 14, 1891; m. Flora Edith Small, dau. Charles E. and Lucy Jane (Randall) Small, July 31, 1919. Had:

Charles Oliver, b. Berlin May 28, 1920, m. Mary J. Boyle.

CHARLES OLIVER SMITH, s. Oliver E. and Flora E. (Small) Smith; m. Mary Josephine Boyle, dau. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Boyle of Hudson, Feb. 5, 1946. Had:

Mary Jo, b. Nov. 5, 1946, Marlboro.

Charles Michael, b. Sept. 30, 1949, Marlboro.

John Patrick, b. Dec. 7, 1950, Marlboro.

Susan Marie, b. Jan. 1, 1954, New Kensington, Pa.

Peter Gregory, b. Mar. 12, 1957, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

SPAULDING

BENJAMIN HOWARD SPAULDING, s. Gardner Edward and Bessie Spaulding, b. Billerica Feb. 7, 1892, d. Dec. 13, 1950; m. Grace L. Brown, dau. Arthur and Laura (Kittredge) Brown, Dec. 12, 1915. She b. Apr. 27, 1894. Had:

Phyllis May b. May, 3, 1917, m. Richard Winfield Warbin.

Laura Frances, b. Feb. 23, 1919, d. Nov. 18, 1940.

Benjamin H., Jr., b. Apr. 17, 1924, m. Edith Emily Wheeler.

Grace A., b. Aug. 17, 1926, m. Nelson T. Sherman.

Evelyn Barbara, b. Mar. 21, 1928, m. Gordon Charles Knorr.

Doris Marion, b. June 30, 1932, m. Elmer James Hodges.

Betty Jane, b. Oct. 1, 1934, m. Lowell Robert Fox Feb. 14, 1953.

BENJAMIN HOWARD SPAULDING, JR., s. Benjamin H. and Grace L. (Brown) Spaulding; m. Edith Emily Wheeler, dau. Clifford H. and Addie E. (Mahan) Wheeler, July 20, 1946. Had:

Howard Herbert, b. Mar. 9, 1947.

Clifford Edward, b. Sept. 11, 1949.

SPEAKER

WILLIAM EMMET SPEAKER, b. Nov. 7, 1880, m. Ruth Emma Brewer, dau. Leonard W. and Harriet J. (Walker) Brewer, Dec. 25, 1909. Res. Steubenville, Ohio. Had:

Chauncey Emmet, b. July 2, 1911, m. Olivetta Blake Mar. 2, 1940. Had:

Connie Beth, b. May 30, 1941.

Daniel Kent, b. Nov. 5, 1947.

SPOFFORD

JAMES RICHARDSON SPOFFORD, s. Capt. Samuel, Jr., and Betsey (Sawyer) Spofford, b. Sept. 21, 1821, d. Mar. 19, 1880; m. Olive B. Woodbury, dau. Israel Woodbury of Bolton, Oct. 16, 1850. She d. Feb. 26, 1883. Had:

Herbert E., b. Sept. 5, 1851, m. Mabel Rawson of Hudson April 27, 1876. She d. Apr. 24, 1896; he d. Mar. 29, 1936.

Walter Richardson, b. Apr. 13, 1853, d. Aug. 5, 1888 Pine Bluff, Ark.

Elmer Francis, b. Jan. 6, 1855, m. Flora M. Holden; he d. July 28, 1921.

Clarence Ellsworth, b. Sept. 12, 1858, m. Lizzie J. Derby.

Flora Belle, b. Mar. 31, 1862, d. Mar. 23, 1938.

Philander Woodbury, b. Aug. 4, 1864, d. Nov. 4, 1892.

Orrin Lincoln, b. Dec. 23, 1866, m. Lenora McKenzie Sept. 10, 1902. She b. Jan. 12, 1878, d. Dec. 9, 1933.

MARY SAWYER SPOFFORD, dau. Capt. Samuel Spofford, Jr. and Betsey (Sawyer) Spofford. See record of Amory C. Morse.

CLARENCE ELLSWORTH SPOFFORD, s. James Richardson and Olive B. (Woodbury) Spofford, b. Sept. 12, 1858, d. Mar. 31, 1933; m. Lizzie Jane Derby, dau. Alfred C. (d. Aug. 24, 1914) and Charlotte A. (Fisher) Derby (d. May 10, 1917), May 18, 1891. She b. June 8, 1858, d. Sept. 23, 1934. Had:

Harold Ellsworth, b. June 1, 1898, d. Aug. 14, 1899.

Olive Woodbury, b. Aug. 30, 1896, m. Harold Henry Booth, s. Leon Billings and Daisy L. (Ryder) Booth, Oct. 16, 1929. He b. Union, Conn. Mar. 30, 1903.

GEORGE RAWSON SPOFFORD, s. Herbert E. and A. Mabel (Rawson) Spofford, b. Hudson Aug. 3, 1879; m. Mildred A. Peck, dau. Lyman and Amanda (Foster) Peck, June 27, 1905. She b. Wyoming, Iowa Nov. 6, 1873. Had:

Foster Rawson, b. Nov. 26, 1906, m. Dorothy Louise Stone July 19, 1930.

Walter Richardson, b. Nov. 25, 1908, m. Mary McClintock.

George Rawson, Jr., b. July 7, 1910, m. Marie Montgomery.

STAMMERS

SAMUEL W. STAMMERS, s. Samuel Guyford and Jennie Archambeault, b. Hudson Oct. 5, 1897; m. Grace Adams Lyman, dau. William Elden and Blanche (Reynolds) Lyman, Oct. 6, 1924. She b. Watertown July 22, 1899. Had:

Richard Gardner b. Oct. 28, 1926, m. Phyllis D. Stansfield. Had:

Richard Davenport, b. July 11, 1950.

Mr. Stammers came to Berlin from Watertown in 1926, having purchased the Roswell Bliss place on Highland Street of Anna

Canfield. This property lies within the John Moore estate of "Wheeler Hill" where Roswell Bliss built his house, around 1815. He had married Matilda Chase, and following his death the property was listed to her brother Anthony Chase of Worcester until 1863. Since then it has been owned by James, Susan, and Francis Dewey (1895); Jane and Jean Breaux (1921); and John and Anna Canfield (1926).

STONE

HENRY ADAMS STONE, s. Isaac S. and Martha A. (Farmer) Stone, b. May 24, 1850, d. Nov. 24, 1926; m. Ruth E. Paine, dau. Tyler Paine. She b. Sept. 6, 1854, d. Mar. 4, 1883. Had:

Olive Annella, b. Jan. 13, 1877, m. George Winthrop Twiss.
2m. Hattie F. Coolidge, dau. Lyman and Lucy Coolidge, Oct. 13, 1883. She d. Nov. 20, 1945. Had:

Homer Lyman, b. Sept. 23, 1884, m. Clara Eleanor Boyd.

HOMER LYMAN STONE, s. Henry A. and Hattie Frances (Coolidge) Stone; m. Clara Eleanor Boyd, dau. Frederick Amos (d. Nov. 15, 1938) and Flora Belle (Gilpatrick) Boyd, (d. Oct. 4, 1927) Mar. 28, 1906. She b. Princeton Aug. 6, 1887. Had:

Freda Belle, b. Feb. 18, 1907, m. Roland E. Wheeler.

Dorothy Frances, b. Oct. 16, 1908, m. Waino Herman Tervo.

Homer Everett, b. May 21, 1911, m. Annetta Johnson.

Carlton Henry, b. Dec. 1, 1913, m. Marjorie Webb.

Clara Helen, b. Dec. 1, 1913, m. William Henry Tervo.

CARLTON HENRY STONE, s. Homer L. and Clara E. (Boyd) Stone; m. Marjorie Webb, dau. George H. and Mae E. (Searles) Webb, Sept. 4, 1936. She b. Worcester May 15, 1917. Had:

Carlton Henry, Jr., b. Jan. 22, 1941.

Marsha Jean, b. Sept. 29, 1944.

JENNESS E. STONE, s. Henry and Rhoda D. (Parker) Stone, b. South Starkly, Canada, Mar. 4, 1884; m. Ethelena J. Westover, dau. Asa M. and P. Jane (Bullard) Westover, May 2, 1905. She b. Milton, Canada May 17, 1886. Had:

Flossie E., b. Jay, Vt. Mar. 10, 1907, m. Harold L. Jillson, s. Alvin J. and Bessie C. (Maynard), Jan. 27, 1926. Had:

Jenness Alvin Jillson, b. Apr. 20, 1928, m. Elizabeth Frances Brown of Bolton July 14, 1946. Had:

Kenneth Alvin Jillson, b. Sept. 14, 1953.

Harold Kenneth, b. May 24, 1931.

Charles Elwin, b. Coventry, Vt., Aug. 4, 1909, d. May 9, 1911.

Vera E., b. Coventry, Vt. Mar. 30, 1911, d. June 15, 1957, m.

Douglas Norman Crossman Oct. 18, 1930. Had:

Douglas Myron Crossman, b. Mar. 16, 1932, m. *Anna E. Baird*.

Donald Vernon Crossman, b. Clinton Sept. 1934, d. Mar. 2, 1935.

Francis B. Crossman, b. 1936.

Lawrence Walter Crossman, b. July 18, 1937, d. May 14, 1944.

2m. *Robert Lewis Spiller*. Had.

Jane Ann Spiller, b. June 1, 1946.

Wayne Albert Spiller, b. Nov. 21, 1947.

Vernon E., b. Sept. 30, 1912, d. Jan. 10, 1935.

Vaughn Edwin, b. Sept. 23, 1917, m. *May Emilia Bridges* Apr. 18, 1941.

Violet Eunice, b. Feb. 13, 1920, m. *David Andrew Harrower* Jun. 7, 1944. Had:

Billie Jeanne, b. July 20, 1948.

Rhoda Mae, b. Sept. 26, 1922, m. *Leon Eugene Bedard* Jan. 23, 1943.

Milford Jenness, b. Nov. 21, 1925, d. Feb. 14, 1926.

JOHN E. STONE, s. *Henry* and *Rhoda D. (Parker) Stone*, b. Sept. 16, 1886; m. *Marion M. Simpson* June 20, 1914. She d. Dec. 31, 1923. Had:

Rhoda Louise, b. Berlin Oct. 7, 1915.

Alfreda Margaret, b. Berlin Oct. 25, 1917.

Edith Jennette, b. Berlin Mar. 7, 1919.

Thelma Marion, b. Berlin, Feb. 19, 1923.

2m. *Marion E. (Corey) Wheeler*, wid. *Otis C. Wheeler*, Sept. 1925.

MAX H. STONE, s. *Frank H.* (d. Mar. 29, 1940) and *Dora (Rice) Stone*, b. Jay, Vt. Aug. 22, 1897, d. Aug. 24, 1958; m. *Violet A. Hansen*, dau. *Ole L.* and *Adie (Thayer) Hansen* of Denmark, Oct. 24, 1917. She b. *Mansonville, Canada* May 6, 1900. Family came to Berlin in 1931. Had:

Hayward M., b. Lisbon, N. H. Jan. 23, 1920, m. Mary Galiano.

Maurice C., b. Lisbon, N. H. Dec. 24, 1921, d. Berlin Nov. 13, 1939.

Milton B., b. Lisbon, N. H. Apr. 1, 1924, m. Claire Nugent.

Claudia J., b. Woodville, N. H., May 25, 1926, m. James J. R. Parslow, Jr., Dec. 6, 1947.

RAYMOND FRANCIS STONE, s. Alfred Leroy and Lillian Maude (Sisson) Stone, b. Oxford June 18, 1901, d. Berlin May 31, 1956; m. Sylveia Emma Crowell, dau. Ralph Chipman and Gladys (Hilts) Crowell, Apr. 4, 1928. She b. Nova Scotia July 1, 1906. Had:

June Sylveia, b. May 12, 1932, m. Eric Woodbury Coolidge.

STRATTON

WALTER DANIEL STRATTON, s. Daniel Wilbur and Anna Scott (Webster) Stratton, b. Hudson Sept. 4, 1884; m. Ruth E. Fosgate, dau. Fred A. and Ella (Swan) Fosgate. She b. Berlin Jan. 6, 1883, d. Sept. 22, 1947. Had:

Dana Daniel, b. Jan. 20, 1917, m. Ann Jane Murphy of Hudson May 18, 1941. 2m. Rae Cohan, Philadelphia, Nov. 6, 1948. Had:

Glenn D. }
Wayne E. } Res. Springfield, Pa.

TANSEY

WARREN W. TANSEY, s. Roscoe W. and Mattie (Meed) Tansey, b. New Providence, Iowa, Feb. 3, 1906. Father d. July 6, 1954; mother d. Oct. 5, 1948, He m. Helen Louise Wheeler, dau. Walter A. and Ella L. (Howe) Wheeler, June 4, 1926. Had:

Barbara Jean, b. Hudson Jan. 11, 1928, m. Clarence James Russell.

Betty Jane, b. Hudson Jan. 11, 1928, m. James Royce Holmes.

Anne Carey, b. Hudson July 14, 1930, d. Jan. 2, 1932.

Mary Ellen, b. Berlin July 31, 1937, m. Andrew B. Matthew, Jr.

TARBELL

CHARLES STUART TARBELL, s. Charles James and Ethel May (Babcock), b. Feb. 12, 1904; m. Mildred Sophronia Symonds of Somerville May 19, 1927. Had:

Eleanor Louise Tarbell, b. Sept. 28, 1928, m. Arne Clausen June 9, 1950. Had:

Alan Stuart Clausen, b. Feb. 29, 1952.

Eric Clausen, b. June 9, 1954.

Robert Stuart Tarbell, b. June 30, 1947.

TAYLOR

ARCHIE G. TAYLOR, s. George O. and Mary (Sutherland) Taylor, b. Stow July 6, 1907, d. Apr. 30, 1942; m. Nettie Dora Allen, dau. Elmer E. and Mary (Barnes) Allen, May 10, 1930. She b. Berlin Dec. 30, 1901. Had:

Stewart Allen, b. Nov. 25, 1930.

Raymond Elmer, b. March 15, 1932.

Jane Ellen, b. Apr. 21, 1940.

ARAD TAYLOR, s. Luke and Nancy J. Taylor, b. Shefford, Canada Oct. 16, 1842, d. Berlin Apr. 20, 1919; m. Laura Ella Merrill, dau. John D. and Mellisa Merrill, Oct. 22, 1870. She b. Oct. 22, 1851, d. Sept. 11, 1895. Had:

John Ernest, b. July 13, 1871, m. Laura A. Wheeler.

Mellisa J., b. May 19, 1878, m. N. Harriman Fay, she d. Dec. 12, 1946.

May Winnifred, b. Dec. 11, 1884, m. Carl L. Harris.

JOHN ERNEST TAYLOR, s. Arad and Laura Ella (Merrill) Taylor, b. Berlin July 13, 1871, d. Nov. 15, 1920; m. Laura A. Wheeler, dau. Robert B. and Nancy M. (Wheeler) Wheeler, Mar. 24, 1893. She b. Sept. 29, 1874, d. June 28, 1938. Had:

Harold Ernest, b. Apr. 3, 1894, d. Jan. 14, 1927.

Robert Earle, b. Oct. 28, 1896, m. Sept. 12, 1922, d. Nov. 9, 1954.

Nelson Everett, b. Jan. 26, 1898, d. Feb. 11, 1920.

Elthea Wheeler, b. Sept. 3, 1900, m. Howard Bailey, res. Northboro.

Agnes Lillian, b. Mar. 1, 1903, m. Elmer C. Lewis Nov. 28, 1935.

Kenneth Stanley, b. Jan. 29, 1907, d. Feb. 19, 1926.

Muriel Taylor, b. June 27, 1922, m. George Wendall Dickerson, Northboro, Sept. 18, 1949.

ROBERT EARLE TAYLOR, s. John E. and Laura A. (Wheeler) Taylor, b. Berlin Oct. 28, 1896, d. Berlin Nov. 9, 1954; m. Mary Martha Antell, dau. John and Mary (Cate) Antell, Sept. 12, 1922. She b. Amesbury Jan. 4, 1894. Had:

Marilyn Harriette, b. Dec. 5, 1923, m. Roger Smith Thompson July 26, 1952. They had:

Cathy Jane, b. March 2, 1953.

Steven Roger, b. March 28, 1956. } res. West Haven, Conn.

Robert Harriman, b. Aug. 2, 1931, m. Madeline Brodrick of Clinton.

Robert Waite, b. June 5, 1938, m. Sept. 30, 1955, Carol Camara.

ROBERT HARRIMAN TAYLOR; m. Madeline Brodrick of Clinton Apr. 24, 1954. Had:

David Earle, b. Jan. 18, 1955.

Cindy Sue, b. Feb. 23, 1958.

James Donald, b. May 19, 1959.

ROBERT WAITE TAYLOR; m. Carol A. Camara, dau. Arthur and Rose (Greska) Camara, Sept. 30, 1956. Had:

Frank Michael, b. Nov. 12, 1957.

Kenneth Wayne, b. Jan. 21, 1959.

TENNEY

ARCHIE TENNEY, s. William and Mehitabel; m. Susanna Jones of Berlin, Mass., dau. Samuel and Martha Jones, Apr. 10, 1809; he d. Nov. 7, 1870. She b. May 7, 1789, d. Sept. 19, 1860. Res. Marlboro, N. H., later removed to Keene, N. H. They had twelve children, of whom Lyman A. Tenney, b. Aug. 21, 1833, connects with the Berlin line.

LYMAN A. TENNEY, s. Archie and Susanna (Jones) Tenney; m. Persis P. Foster of Nelson, N. H., dau. Jeremiah and Sarah (Carpenter) Foster, Nov. 1, 1853. He d. 1931; she d. July 20, 1860. Had:

Viola A., b. May 5, 1855.

Clifford H., b. Nov. 22, 1859.

2m. Lizzie M. Tolman of Nelson, N. H. May 1, 1861. Had:

Alice L., b. July 21, 1864.

CLIFFORD H. TENNEY, s. Lyman A. and Persis (Foster) Tenney; m. Clara E. Lowell of Marlow, N. H. He d. June 29, 1897. Had:
Harry C., b. Jan. 1, 1884.
Wilmer G., b. Oct. 23, 1887.
Alice V., b. June 17, 1890.
Jessie E., b. 1894.

WILMER G. TENNEY, s. Clifford H. and Clara E. (Lowell) Tenney; m. Carrie L. von Loesecke, Allston, Mass. Aug. 16, 1913. Had:

June E., b. June 12, 1914.

Karl S., b. Dec. 25, 1915.

Wilmer G. Tenney purchased the John L. Day place on Highland Street in 1928. House built by George Fox Wheeler, carpenter, about 1843.

TERVO

WAINO HERMAN TERVO, s. Henry and Sanna (Harju) Tervo, b. Maynard Oct. 17, 1898, d. July 6, 1959; m. Dorothy Frances Stone, dau. Homer L. and Clara E. (Boyd) Stone, Oct. 14, 1926. Had:

Waino Herman, Jr., b. Dec. 16, 1927, m. Barbara Butler, dau. Norman and Birdie Butler of Marlboro. Had:

Diane Marie, b. Dec. 17, 1952. {
Debra, b. Jan. 12, 1958. { Res. Miami, Fla.

Clara Eleanor Tervo, b. Feb. 15, 1930, m. Ira Hudson Munroe of Marlboro, June 24, 1949. Had:

Karen Marie, b. May 3, 1950.

Katherine Lee, b. July 3, 1952.

Carleen Claire, b. July 4, 1953.

Ira Hudson Munroe, III, b. Feb. 5, 1955.

Susan Frances Munroe, b. Sept. 27, 1957.

Sylvia Ann, b. May 22, 1935, m. Donald B. Wheeler.

Robert Lawrence Tervo, b. Aug. 15, 1941.

Richard Lyman Tervo, b. Aug. 15, 1941, m. Karen Frances Oakes of Hudson 1958. Had:

Richard Lyman, Jr., b. Jan. 19, 1959.

WILLIAM HENRY TERVO, s. Henry and Sanna (Harju) Tervo, b. Maynard Feb. 11, 1905; m. Clara Helen Stone, dau. Homer L. and Clara (Boyd) Stone, Feb. 28, 1934. Had:

William Henry, Jr., b. Sept. 26, 1935.

Beverly Sue, b. May 3, 1942.

Eleanor Frances, b. Nov. 8, 1945.

Lynda S., b. June 3, 1950.

TRASK

CHARLES ALBERT TRASK, s. Charles Augustus and Julia (Eaton) Trask, b. Montague, Mass. Sept. 12, 1866, d. Mar. 20, 1938; m. Ella Jane Waite, dau. Curtis M. and Jerusha Rosette Waite (d. July 11, 1934), March 1882. She b. Windham, Vt. Oct. 13, 1862, d. March 21, 1955. Had:

Lilith, b. Aug. 18, 1883, d. July 14, 1936, m. Edward Mossman; 2m. Harry Brown.

Lula Mabel, b. Oct. 9, 1885, m. Elwin S. Jacobs.

Florence E., b. Aug. 22, 1893, m. Winfield E. Warbin.

RUSSELL CHARLES TRASK, b. Sept. 2, 1904; m. Marie Arleen Rockwood of Framingham July 4, 1937.

2m. Bernice Edna Young of Wayland Sept. 22, 1946.

TURNBULL

FRED H. TURNBULL, s. John B. and Margaret W. (Alley) Turnbull, b. Newburgh, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1869, d. Clinton Jan. 2, 1947; m. Florence Benton Dean Oct. 14, 1891. She b. New Bedford, Mass. Nov. 21, 1868. Had:

Ralph C., b. Lynn Apr. 23, 1893, d. Burlington, Vt. Nov. 13, 1954, m. Ruth Chapman.

Robert W., b. Lynn Feb. 12, 1895, m. Christina White.

Arthur Alley, b. Lynn, July 17, 1897, m. Violet Ada Wheeler.

Chester L., b. Berlin Oct. 11, 1905, m. Mabel Jones. Res. Jefferson, Me.

ARTHUR ALLEY TURNBULL, s. Fred H. and Florence B. (Dean) Turnbull; m. Violet Ada Wheeler, dau. Herbert L. and Adelia L. (Berry) Wheeler, Oct. 14, 1922. She d. Nov. 13, 1958. Had:

Walter Arthur, b. Berlin Aug. 14, 1925, m. Dorothy Linstedt March 15, 1947.

Elliott Dean, b. Clinton Feb. 15, 1932, m. Doris Mae Abrahamson Aug. 3, 1955. Had:

Robert Edward, b. Feb. 13, 1959.

TWISS

GEORGE WINTHROP TWISS, s. John Gardner and Emily S. (Clark) Twiss, b. July 17, 1862, d. June 21, 1943; m. Olive Annela Stone, dau. Henry A. and Ruth E. (Paine) Stone, June 1, 1902. She b. Jan. 13, 1877, d. Sept. 18, 1958. Had:

Ruth Mae, b. Feb. 25, 1903.

Mildred Florence, b. July 4, 1910, m. Lawrence Elliot Briggs of Amherst.

Muriel Kent, b. June 14, 1921 in Byfield, Mass.

Ruby Kent, b. Mar. 11, 1923 in Byfield, Mass.

TYLER

GEORGE W. TYLER, s. David Tyler of Warwick; came to Berlin in 1883, settled on Parks farm of South Street; m. Mrs. Lilla (Sibley) Wilton of Lawrence. He b. Apr. 10, 1857, d. Feb. 2, 1916. She d. Feb. 20, 1922. Had:

David S., b. Sept. 29, 1889, m. Althea E. Keizer.

Marion S., b. May 20, 1891.

Charlotte S., b. Mar. 10, 1893, d. young.

DAVID SIBLEY TYLER, s. George W. and Lilla (Sibley) Tyler; m. Althea Ellen Keizer, dau. George E. and Nellie F. (Brewer) Keizer, Dec. 25, 1915. Had:

Donald Wendall, b. Aug. 6, 1917, m. Virginia Lapoint.

Corinne Mavis, b. Dec. 10, 1920, d. Mar. 2, 1924.

DONALD WENDALL TYLER, s. David S. and Althea E. (Keizer) Tyler; m. Virginia Lapoint, dau. William C. and Mary E. (O'Rouche) Lapoint, Feb. 16, 1942. She b. Worcester, Mar. 20, 1917. Had:

Jeffrey W., b. July 1, 1945.

Robert W., b. Mar. 12, 1947.

Keven D., b. Nov. 11, 1952.

JAMES DANFORD TYLER, s. Danford and Emily (Reed) Tyler of Warwick, Mass., b. Richmond, N. H. June 15, 1848, d. Berlin

Sept. 11, 1915; m. Anna S. Bassett, dau. Elisha and Maria L. (Whitcomb) (Howland) Bassett, Jan. 11, 1888. She b. Berlin June 28, 1856, d. Berlin Jan. 14, 1941. They settled on the Job Spofford farm (thus named in the incorporation of District of Berlin) on River Road, now occupied by his son, Danford B. Tyler. Had:

Emily Grace, b. Dec. 23, 1889, d. Aug. 21, 1946.

Danford Bassett, b. Aug. 23, 1893, m. Laura Elizabeth Sparrow of Northboro, May 5, 1956.

MOSES REED TYLER, s. Danford and Emily (Reed) Tyler, b. Richmond, N. H. June 19, 1850, d. Berlin Jan. 28, 1941; m. Mary Catherine Mayo of Warwick, dau. Edward F. and Lois Mayo, Oct. 6, 1886. She b. Warwick 1860, d. Berlin May 12, 1909. Jointly with his brother, James D., they bought the estate of the late Madam Rudersdorff of Sawyer Hill Rd., opposite Brewer Rd., on Feb. 5, 1883. In 1885 they erected a mansion (later known as the Harper Place) to replace the Rudersdorff house destroyed by fire in 1880. So prominent was this location that it is listed as "Tyler's Cupola" Station No. 51, one of the points of the triangulation survey of 1894. The property was sold to Levi Cooley in 1899 and Mr. Tyler retired to the James W. Barter place of Pleasant Street, (now occupied by John Coolidge).

ULRICH

WILLIAM GOTTFRIED ULRICH, s. Julius and Lena (Schultz) Ulrich, b. Seymour, Conn. Jan. 24, 1898; came to Berlin in 1938, bought the Lucy (Barnes) Howe property of Barnes Hill Rd.; m. Idella M. Trewhella, dau. Theodore N. and Ida C. (Cromwell) (d. Berlin May 1, 1955) Trewhella, June 1, 1920. She b. Shelton, Conn. Oct. 9, 1895. Had:

Henry Nelson, b. Seymour, Conn. Dec. 28, 1922, m. Loretta Kister, dau. George F. Kister of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1947. She b. Nov. 28, 1921. Res. Hopkins (sub. Minneapolis) Minn.; with John Hancock Insurance Co. Had:

Laurae Kister, b. Apr. 18, 1949.

Lynne, b. Feb. 12, 1951.

William Geoffrey, b. Feb. 11, 1954.

Janice, b. Mar. 22, 1956.

Kenneth Warren, b. Seymour, Conn. May 6, 1925, d. Oct. 5, 1952, m. Virginia Ann Marks, Oct. 19, 1946. She b. Sept. 17, 1923. Had:

Bret William, b. Aug. 2, 1947.

Karen Louise, b. Oct. 31, 1949, d. Oct. 5, 1952.

Lois Beverly, b. Seymour, Conn. Mar. 25, 1932, m. Harold Chester Densmore Nov. 26, 1949. He b. June 20, 1925. Res. Laconia, N. H. Had:

David Clayton, b. June 18, 1952.

Deborah Karen, b. Oct. 19, 1954.

Linda Jeanne, b. Jan. 28, 1956.

UNDERWOOD, FRANCIS E.—See "Rogers"

WALKER

ANDREW WALKER, s. William and Jane (Roach) Walker, b. Canada Feb. 22, 1865, d. Berlin Sept. 2, 1941; m. Mary MacGrath, dau. John and Julia (Kennedy) MacGrath. She b. Fall River Nov. 1, 1870. Had:

Willis Elden, b. Harvard Jan. 18, 1891, m. Elsie Sowerby, Marlboro.

Milton Andrews, b. Harvard, Jan. 21, 1893, m. Hazel Carter Middlesex, Vt.

Ervin Emory, b. Harvard May 28, 1894, d. Nov. 27, 1927, m. Alice Sowerby.

Raymond H., b. Harvard Jan. 20, 1896, d. May 24, 1954.

Marjorie, b. Harvard Apr. 6, 1898, m. George Fletcher.

Bernice, b. Harvard Dec. 16, 1899, m. Nelson Everett Hutchinson.

Horace, b. Harvard Aug. 17, 1901.

Alvin, b. Harvard July 14, 1904, m. Martha H. Wright.

Allen, b. Harvard July 14, 1904, m. Viola Merrin, Hudson.

Eunice, b. Harvard Nov. 11, 1905, d. Apr. 6, 1906.

Austin, b. Harvard June 3, 1907.

ALVIN WALKER, s. Andrew and Mary (MacGrath) Walker; m. Martha H. Wright, dau. William H. and Harriet L. (Lowe) Wright, Dec. 21, 1935. She b. Hyde Park, Mass. Nov. 2, 1904. Her mother, Harriet (Lowe) Wright, d. Jan. 12, 1957. Had:

Alma Rose, b. Oct. 28, 1936, m. Roland Charles Ackley July 28, 1957.

Kenneth Alvin, b. Aug. 12, 1938.

Andrew William, b. Mar. 3, 1943.

Penelope Marianna, b. Apr. 29, 1947.

David George, b. July 24, 1948.

WARBIN

WINFIELD ERNEST WARBIN, s. Alfred and Jane (Marshallsea) Warbin, b. Revere Nov. 15, 1891, d. Sept. 30, 1925; m. Florence E. Trask, dau. Charles A. and Ella J. (Waite) Trask, Mar. 18, 1912. Had:

Harold Marshallsea, b. Oct. 31, 1912, m. Rizpah Merle Jackson.

Richard Winfield, b. Mar. 28, 1914, m. Phyllis May Spaulding.

Elinor Jeanette, b. June 26, 1921, m. Carl A. Brodeur of Marlboro Apr. 8, 1945. He b. Sept. 28, 1920. Had:

Barbara Ann, b. July 13, 1947.

Betty Lou, b. Mar. 31, 1950.

HAROLD MARSHALLSEA WARBIN, s. Winfield E. and Florence E. (Trask) Warbin; m. Rizpah Merle Jackson, dau. Brittan A. and Florence E. (Felton) Jackson. Had:

Robert Winfield, b. Feb. 8, 1944.

Carol Florence, b. June 5, 1946.

RICHARD WINFIELD WARBIN, s. Winfield E. and Florence E. (Trask) Warbin; m. Phyllis May Spaulding, dau. Benjamin H. and Grace L. (Brown) Spaulding, Sept. 1, 1937. Had:

Richard Ernest, b. Sept. 14, 1941.

Thomas Howard, b. Feb. 1, 1945.

Douglas John, b. Jan. 5, 1949.

WARE

EDWARD C. WARE, JR., s. Edward C. and Ida (Walcott) Ware of Bolton, b. Jan. 14, 1920; m. Margaret Ethel Wheeler, dau. Amos C. and Ethel (Jones) Wheeler, June 22, 1946. Had:

Claudia Nancy, b. Dec. 12, 1947.

Paula Jeanne, b. Nov. 18, 1949.

WARREN

JEROME B. WARREN, s. Charles and Lucy R. Warren, b. Newton, Mass., d. Oct. 12, 1905; m. Louisa M. Rice, dau. Oliver C. and M. Augusta Rice, July 29, 1890. She b. Berlin Apr. 14, 1874, d. Apr. 26, 1937. Had:

Earle R., b. Berlin Oct. 1, 1896, m. Gladys Ward. Had:

Thornton R., b. June 1, 1920.

Ward, b. July 16, 1922.

Violet, b. Nov. 28, 1901; m. Francis Zipfel, res. Garrettsville, O. 2m. of Louisa M. (Rice) Warren to Dr. Lewis of Detroit, Mich.

WATSON

JOSEPH S. WATSON, s. James and Agnes (Spence) Watson; m. Gertrude M. Felton, dau. George H. and Sarah (Norrish) Felton, Oct. 14, 1908. Had:

Ethelyn Claire, b. Oct. 6, 1910, m. Frederick Hosmer Johnson Oct. 23, 1937.

Alice Felton, b. Jan. 31, 1912, m. Henry Francis Gately June 17, 1936.

Virginia Ruth, b. April 6, 1913, m. Arthur Martin Pike Nov. 9, 1940.

WHEELER

- I. Jonathan Wheeler of Lancaster, b. 1720, d. 1791; settled Sawyer Hill Rd.
- II. Jonathan-Buffum, b. 1752, m. 1775, d. 1787; settled "Wheeler Hill" Highland St.
- II. Levi Wheeler, s. Jonathan, Sr., b. 1768, m. 1792; 2m. 1814, d. 1835; settled Sawyer Hill Rd.
- III. Daniel Wheeler, s. Jonathan, Jr., b. 1776, m. 1800, d. 1853.
- III. Amos Wheeler, s. Levi, b. 1792, m. 1816; 2m. 1852, d. 1867; res. Sawyer Hill Rd.
- III. Peregrine Wheeler, s. Levi, b. 1796, m. 1822, d. 1860, res. South Berlin.
- III. Levi Wheeler, Jr., s. Levi, b. 1803, m. 1823, d. 1840.
- III. Samuel H. Wheeler, s. Levi, b. 1815, m. 1839, d. 1894. (See Samuel and Henry A. Wheeler.)
- III. Elisha T. Wheeler, s. Levi, b. 1817, m. 1842, d. 1875.
- IV. Sabra Wheeler, dau. Daniel, b. 1811, m. William W. Wheeler, she d. 1895. (See Thomas Berry.)
- IV. Melissa Wheeler, dau. Daniel, b. 1819, m. John D. Merrill, she d. 1893.
- IV. Rufus R. Wheeler, s. Amos, b. 1827, m. 1854, d. 1900. (See Walter A. Wheeler.)
- IV. Robert B. Wheeler, s. Amos, b. 1835, m. 1860, d. 1903. (See Walter Cole, John Taylor, Amos C. Wheeler.)
- IV. Richard M. Wheeler, s. Amos, b. 1835, m. 1862, d. 1895. (See Arthur Burton Wheeler/Eldon C. Wheeler.)
- IV. Willard M. Wheeler, s. Peregrine, b. 1825, m. 1849, d. 1913. (See Sidney W. Wheeler.)
- IV. Erastus S. Wheeler, s. Levi, b. 1832, d. 1895 (the Botanist).
- IV. Elias L. Wheeler, s. Levi, b. 1835, m. 1880, d. 1907. (See Myron S. Wheeler.)
- IV. Lewis B. Wheeler, s. Levi, b. 1837, m. 1872, d. 1900. (See Waldo L. Wheeler.)
- V. Harriet A. Wheeler, dau. Elisha T., b. 1848, m. Ebenezer S. Sawtelle, d. 1890.

WHEELER

ALFRED SHERMAN WHEELER, s. John A. and Mary J. (Norrish) Wheeler; m. Annie Natalie Bernardson, dau. John and Jessie A. (Smith) Bernardson, Aug. 14, 1926. Had:

Alfred John, b. Feb. 8, 1928, m. Patricia Rodier Dec. 12, 1952. She b. Nov. 5, 1930. Had:

Alfred John, Jr., b. Alexandria, Va., June 1, 1955.

Patricia Anne, b. Carteret, N. J. Jan. 18, 1958.

Ronald David, b. Feb. 22, 1939.

AMOS CHESTER WHEELER, s. Robert B. and Nancy Miriam Wheeler; m. Ethel M. Jones, dau. Russell and Abby Frances (Robbins) Jones, Sept. 19, 1909. She b. Nov. 16, 1882, Waterville, Me. Had:

Margaret Ethel, b. Mar. 16, 1920, m. Edward C. Ware, Jr.

Ruea Nancy, b. Nov. 26, 1921, m. Raymond C. Baum.

ARTHUR BUFFUM WHEELER, s. David B. and Martha (Wheeler) Wheeler, b. Berlin May 10, 1860, d. Nov. 24, 1925. He m. Carrie A. Cross of Cambridgeport who d. 1895.

2m. Jane Mabel Watterson, dau. William and Abbie M. (Smith) Watterson, Mar. 1, 1896. She b. Dec. 12, 1871, d. Clinton Dec. 28, 1941. Had:

David Watterson, b. May 10, 1900, d. July 5, 1951, m. Dycia A. Hadlock, dau. John A. (d. July 1, 1947) and Elizabeth M. (Stone) (d. May 30, 1955) Hadlock, Dec. 6, 1924.

Howard Arthur, b. Mar. 27, 1902, d. Feb. 5, 1952, m. Dorothy F. Bailey, dau. Howard Bailey of Northboro, Oct. 7, 1924. She b. Oct. 17, 1907. Had:

Emeline Marie, b. Sept. 9, 1930, m. William Linde; res. Marlboro.

Lawrence Howard, b. Sept. 8, 1939, m. Patricia H. LaFlash Oct. 25, 1958.

2m. Dorothy Frances (Bailey) Wheeler to Richard William Risi Apr. 26, 1953.

Alfred William, b. Apr. 12, 1913, m. Rena Elmira Guerard, dau. John J. and Diana (Laremie) Guerard, Nov. 29, 1936. Had:

David Arthur, b. May 21, 1939.

ARTHUR BURTON WHEELER, s. Richard M. and Frances Ann (Sawtelle) Wheeler, b. Oct. 14, 1872, d. July 14, 1933; m. Esther G. Bruce, dau. Hiram W. and Melvina M. (Jellison) Bruce, Mar. 31, 1896. She b. Stow Sept. 23, 1878, d. Berlin Mar. 23, 1952. Had:

Cecil Burton, b. Nov. 5, 1896, m. Lucy Glover Manter.

Lloyd Linwood, b. Nov. 29, 1898, m. Marion A. Winslow.

Ernest Leroy, b. Nov. 27, 1902, m. Mary Louise Colburn Apr. 15, 1949.

Herman Bruce, b. Oct. 7, 1906, m. Florence Louise Kreuzer.

Burton Kendall, b. Sept. 4, 1911, m. Dorothea Mae Webb.

Carroll Richard, b. June 9, 1915, m. Elizabeth Ordway.

BERNARD OLIVER WHEELER, s. Solon and Mary (Sullivan) Wheeler, b. Bolton Nov. 17, 1889; m. Hazel Marion Barnes, dau. John H. and Luella (Ayers) Barnes, July 6, 1922. Had:

Russell Bernard, b. Jan. 2, 1923, m. Marjorie M. McGorty.

Shirley Barnes, b. Sept. 27, 1931, m. Richard N. Wright Oct. 29, 1955. Had:

Pamela Diane, b. Sept. 4, 1956.

Sandra Jean, b. Feb. 8, 1958.

BURTON KENDALL WHEELER, s. Arthur Burton and Esther G. (Bruce) Wheeler; m. Dorothy Mae Webb, dau. George H. and Mae E. (Searles) Webb, Sept. 8, 1935. She b. Worcester Nov. 20, 1916.

2m. Myrtle V. (Broadbent) Holder, Sept. 25, 1947. Children:

Sandra Jean Holder, b. Feb. 6, 1938, m. Craig P. Stuart Sterling.

Shelia J. Holder, b. Apr. 7, 1942.

Cynthia Elaine Wheeler, b. July 15, 1949.

Family removed to California 1957.

CARROLL RICHARD WHEELER, s. Arthur Burton and Esther G. (Bruce) Wheeler; m. Elizabeth Ordway, dau. Alfred Frost and Eva Louise (Carter) Ordway, Dec. 24, 1932. Had:

Bruce Carter, b. July 31, 1933, m. Joan E. Morel Sept. 14, 1957.

Joan Carol, b. Jan. 30, 1939, m. Francis A. Touchette Jan. 12, 1957.

Alan Richard, b. Dec. 14, 1946.

CECIL BURTON WHEELER, s. Arthur Burton and Esther G. (Bruce) Wheeler; m. Lucy Glover Manter, dau. Alfred Elmer and Frances Maude (Hipson) Manter, Nov. 4, 1922. She b. Montello, Mass. Oct. 7, 1903. Had:

Cecil Burton, Jr., b. June 13, 1923, m. Jean Charlotte Rayner, dau. Hall C. and Marion L. (Hoyt) Rayner, June 26, 1954. Had:

Wendy Marion, b. June 17, 1959.

Beverly Ann, b. June 27, 1929.

CHRISTOPHER WHEELER, s. Oliver P. and Harriet Ann (Faulkner) (d. Berlin Mar. 6, 1878) Wheeler, b. Bolton May 28, 1853, d. Berlin Aug. 1, 1913; m. Mary J. Bliss of Gilson, N. H. Mar. 14, 1860. Had:

Mary Lilian, b. Berlin Dec. 28, 1884, m. Austin E. Stearns, Westboro.

2m. *Laura Angie Jones*, dau. Oscar M. and Lucy E. (Kimmins) Jones, Dec. 2, 1903. She b. Apr. 9, 1882, d. Oct. 1, 1918. Had:

Myrtis Ella, b. Jan. 5, 1908, m. Edward E. Eck Oct. 9, 1937, Worcester.

Maurice Oscar, b. Mar. 24, 1909, m. Evelyn Holder May 1, 1932.

CLIFFORD HERBERT WHEELER, florist, s. Herbert L. and Adelia (Berry) Wheeler, m. Addie E. Mahan, dau. Clinton Adelbert (d. Dec. 17, 1901) and Dolla (Hastings) (d. May 20, 1939) Mahan, of Clinton, April 8, 1920. She b. Boylston May 26, 1892. Had:

Alice Effie, b. Jan. 21, 1922, m. Francis C. Burke.

Edith Emily, b. Jan. 14, 1926, m. Benjamin H. Spaulding, Jr.

Clifford Herbert, Jr., b. Oct. 3, 1927, m. Virginia Ann Mungeam.

Henry Adelbert, b. July 5, 1929, m. Ruth A. Nugent.

Clifford H. Wheeler and family reside on Sawyer Hill Road in the homestead of the first Jonathan Wheeler of 1757. The original estate included some 320 acres along Sawyer Hill and Summer Roads and extended south to the Assabet (Elizabeth) River.

CLIFFORD HERBERT WHEELER, JR., s. Clifford H. and Addie E. (Mahan) Wheeler; m. Virginia A. Mungeam, dau. Leonard R. and Ruth M. (Brewer) Mungeam, Apr. 22, 1949. Had:

Donna May, b. May 13, 1950.

Dennis Herbert, b. Apr. 30, 1952.

Debra Ann, b. Jan. 31, 1957.

DONALD BREWER WHEELER, s. Earle A. and Hazel H. (Brewer) Wheeler; m. Sylvia Ann Tervo, dau. Waino H. and Dorothy F. (Stone) Tervo, May 14, 1955. Had:

Claire Marie, b. Nov. 20, 1957.

Robert Lawrence, b. Mar. 27, 1959.

EARLE ALDRICH WHEELER, s. Jesse A. (d. Jan. 27, 1959) and Lilla G. (Southwick) Wheeler, b. Bolton May 4, 1900; m Hazel H. Brewer, dau. Alfred D. and Julia C. (Walcott) Brewer, Oct. 15, 1925. His father b. Bolton, Apr. 13, 1875. Had:

Earle Aldrich, Jr., b. Jan. 9, 1927, d. Jan. 10, 1927.

Norman Jesse, b. Dec. 4, 1928, m. Jane Edith Wallace.

Dora Marie, b. Feb. 4, 1932, m. Alton V. Cummings.

Donald Brewer, b. Dec. 10, 1934, m. Sylvia Ann Tervo.

EDWARD LAWSON WHEELER, s. William W. and Sabra Wheeler, b. Aug. 22, 1844, d. Mar. 17, 1918; m. Sarah E. Dakin of Conn. May 5, 1869. She d. Dec. 12, 1937. Had:

Walter E. b. Oct. 17, 1872.

William E., b. Feb. 3, 1879, m. Ethel E. Randall.

Genella E. b. Apr. 19, 1881, d. Oct. 26, 1881.

Warren E., b. Nov. 17, 1890, d. Aug. 11, 1911.

ELDON CHARLES WHEELER, s. Charles Carlton and Rose (Halstead) Wheeler, b. Bolton May 7, 1898; m. Eleanor Parsons Hoyt, dau. Edward C. and Emma (Parsons) Hoyt, May 6, 1923. She b. Gloucester May 27, 1898, d. May 18, 1958. Came to Berlin 1935, res. Pleasant Street, truck gardener. Had:

Donald Hoyt, b. Greenfield, Mass. Aug. 19, 1924.

2m. Evangeline G. (Emrick) Coke Feb. 7, 1959.

Eldon C. Wheeler is a descendant of the Jonathan and Mary (Buffum) Wheeler line through his grandfather, Richard Mott Wheeler (twin brother of Robert B. Wheeler).

EMERSON WELLINGTON WHEELER, s. Leslie E. and Jennie F. (Bowman) Wheeler; m. Ethel Rose Ross, dau. Joseph G. and

Nora (Greek) Ross, Oct. 5, 1921. She b. Northboro Oct. 4, 1902. Had:

Virginia Rose, b. Sept. 21, 1924, m. Ralph L. Harriman, Jr., Dec. 2, 1956.

Frances Nora, b. June 20, 1927.

Emerson Wellington, Jr., b. June 20, 1929, m. Gloria Barbara Gilchrest, July 18, 1951. 2m. Loretta McQuoid May 4, 1956.

Mabel Geneva, b. Jan. 7, 1931, m. Robert Douglas Winship May 24, 1952.

Betty Marie, b. Sept. 14, 1932, m. Charles Luman Bent June 6, 1953.

Joseph Leslie, b. Oct. 15, 1933.

Shirley May, b. Nov. 13, 1935, m. Roger D. Hines Dec. 23, 1956.

ERNEST OSSIAN WHEELER, s. Ossian Dexter and Emily B. Wheeler (dau. Nathaniel Wheeler), b. Marlboro Oct. 17, 1878; m. Florence Bancroft Allen, dau. Charles H. and Harriet B. (Pratt) Allen, Feb. 12, 1904. She b. Nov. 12, 1880, d. Jan. 4, 1959. Had:

Louise Bancroft, b. Nov. 17, 1908, m. A. Donald West, res. New York. Had:

Ann Marian West, b. Quincy, Mass. Oct. 19, 1939.

The homestead of Nathaniel Wheeler (maternal grandfather of E. O.) located on River Road is the present farmhouse of the 1790 Farm. Ernest O. Wheeler relocated in Berlin in 1936 on the Amanda Morse place of Highland Street.

EVA LUNETTA WHEELER, dau. Jonathan F. and Jemima D. (Higgins) Wheeler, b. Charleston, Me. Dec. 1, 1861; m. Charles Warren Parker. Their dau.

Ethel Winifred Parker, b. Westboro, Mass. Nov. 19, 1897, m. William Albert Oliver June 11, 1919. They had:

June Sherwood Oliver, b. Provo, Utah Feb. 7, 1920, m. Joseph Amberboy July 2, 1943.

Glen Parker Oliver, b. So. Braintree, Mass. May 21, 1922, m. Oliver Harmer Mar. 24, 1944.

Sheldon Wheeler Oliver, b. No. Raynham, Mass., Sept. 4, 1923, m. LaRue Wright July 2, 1944.

Wilma Mae Oliver, b. Provo, Utah, May 1, 1927, m. Harold Mark Hanson Feb. 20, 1948.

Pearl Ethelle Oliver, b. Provo, Utah, Feb. 23, 1929, m.

Calvin E. Payne, Mar. 6, 1952.

(Record data presented by Miss Florence Wheeler, 37 Orchard St., Leominster, Mass. and Mrs. Ethel Winnifred Oliver, 843 Wilshire Pl., Salt Lake City 2, Utah.)

EVERETT RANDALL WHEELER, s. William E. and Ethel E. (Randall) Wheeler; m. Mildred A. Ogilvie, dau. Arthur and Bertha Anabell (White) Ogilvie, Oct. 25, 1936. She b. Nashua, N. H. Aug. 26, 1909; her mother, Bertha Anabell Ogilvie, d. Berlin July 31, 1940, bur. South Cemetery. Had:

Clifton Everett, b. Mar. 28, 1944.

Leslie Warren, b. Sept. 26, 1948.

Res. Highland Street, homestead of his great grandfather (William W. Wheeler) who settled here about 1835. The original house was built by Isaac Moore about 1740.

FRANCIS ABEL WHEELER, s. Abel and Nancy Wheeler of Bolton, b. Bolton Oct. 5, 1835, d. Berlin June 4, 1909; m. Sarah, dau. Nathaniel King, Nov. 25, 1858. She b. Lynn, d. Berlin Dec. 24, 1859, age 27, bur. Friends Cem. Bolton.

2m. Jennie H. Manchester, dau. Timothy and Maria Manchester, of Clinton, May 4, 1864. She d. Sept. 6, 1874, age 34, bur. Bolton. Had:

Sarah Lizzie, b. Feb. 19, 1865, m. John E. Phinney, Clinton, Jan. 30, 1884.

Francis Sherman, b. Dec. 22, 1866, d. Worcester Aug. 17, 1951, m. Eva L. Johnson, dau. Andrew J. and Hattie A. (Woodbury) Johnson, Mar. 29, 1889. She b. Sept. 11, 1861, d. Worcester Oct. 5, 1949.

Lilla Geneva, b. Charleston, Vt. Sept. 27, 1868, d. July 29, 1938.

Clarence Edgar, b. Apr. 22, 1871 in Charleston, Vt.

John Abel, b. Charleston, Vt. Oct. 18, 1873, m. Mary J. Norrish.

FREDERICK ROLAND WHEELER, s. Roland E. and Freda (Stone) Wheeler; m. Ruth Alta Bridges, July 25, 1948. Had:

Philip Roland, b. Aug. 15, 1949.

Faye Alta, b. Oct. 31, 1950.

Susan Ruth, b. Apr. 5, 1954.

Frederick Roland, Jr., b. July 19, 1957.

Residence Wheeler-Berry homestead of Highland St. House built by John Wheeler, s. Daniel and grandson of Jonathan, Jr., about 1829. Property has been in Wheeler family for over 100 years.

FREEMAN W. WHEELER, s. Walter A. and Ella (Howe) Wheeler; m. Marion Eager, dau. Charles D. and Lilla M. (Southwick) Eager, Apr. 10, 1913; she d. June 13, 1921. Had:

Doris Elizabeth, b. Jan. 8, 1914, m. Charles Miller, res. Webster.

John Lambert, b. Dec. 18, 1916, m. Rita Cournoyer, res. Oxford.

Irene, b. Jan. 13, 1919, m. Thomas King, res. Worcester.

Roger Marion, b. May 1, 1921, m. Lulu T. Parmenter, May 2, 1942.

HENRY ARTHUR WHEELER, s. Samuel H. and Sarah (Holder) Wheeler, b. Mar. 31, 1857 at the homestead on Sawyer Hill Road. He d. here Apr. 15, 1935. He m. Nellie R. Read Mar. 31, 1877. She b. Swanzey, N. H. July 30, 1855; d. Nov. 30, 1927. Had:

Carlton Eugene, b. Mar. 12, 1880, d. Apr. 24, 1936, m. Ora S.

Morse of Hudson Aug. 9, 1904. He b. Hudson Aug. 28, 1878.

Annella Mattie, b. Aug. 18, 1882, m. Frank Freeman Dunfield Aug. 28, 1906.

Raymond Holder, b. Mar. 9, 1892, m. Ruth Jane Dunlap Aug. 14, 1915.

Roland Read, b. Mar. 9, 1892, d. May 17, 1892.

HENRY ADELBERT WHEELER, s. Clifford H. and Addie E. (Mahan) Wheeler; m. Ruth Alice Nugent of Clinton, Jan. 31, 1948. Had:

Mary Catherine, b. May 10, 1949.

Karen Ann, b. Feb. 6, 1951.

Adeline, b. Sept. 19, 1953.

Henry Adelbert, Jr., b. Dec. 2, 1954.

HERBERT LEVI WHEELER, s. Samuel and Emily G. (Bruce) Wheeler, b. Oct. 18, 1875, d. May 23, 1941; m. Adelia L. Berry, dau. Thomas C. and Alvina (Wheeler) Berry, Apr. 7, 1896. She b. Dec. 1, 1870, d. Mar. 20, 1941. Had:

Mildred Luella, b. June 19, 1897, m. Lester G. Ross.

Clifford Herbert, b. Apr. 30, 1900, m. Addie E. Mahan.

Violet Ada, b. Jan. 15, 1902, d. Nov. 13, 1958, m. Arthur A. Turnbull.

Roland E., b. June 29, 1903, m. Freda B. Stone.

HERMAN BRUCE WHEELER, s. Arthur Burton and Esther G. (Bruce) Wheeler, b. Oct. 7, 1906, d. Sept. 1, 1958; m. Florence Louise Kreuzer, dau. Frederick A. and Louise E. (Poydar) Kreuzer, Mar. 31, 1927. She b. Brookline, Mass. Dec. 2, 1911. Had:

Herman Bruce, Jr., b. Oct. 21, 1927, d. Dec. 24, 1927.

Doris Thelma, b. Jan. 21, 1929.

Lawrence Bruce, b. Oct. 13, 1932.

2m. Mary K. (O'Loughlin) Cuddy of Hudson Nov. 24, 1943.

JOHN ABEL WHEELER, s. Francis Abel and Jennie H. (Manchester) Wheeler, b. Oct. 19, 1873; m. Mary J. Norrish, dau. James and Mariah (Foley) Norrish, Feb. 27, 1897. She b. Feb. 27, 1880 in Montreal, d. Sept. 27, 1949. Had:

Alfred Sherman, b. June 15, 1897, m. Annie Natalie Bernardson.

Hattie Mildred, b. Sept. 12, 1898, m. William R. Roche Dec. 30, 1917. She d. May 4, 1922.

Harold Arthur Wheeler, b. Sept. 13, 1919.

LESLIE EMERSON WHEELER, s. Oliver P. and Harriet A. (Faulkner) Wheeler, b. Feb. 9, 1867, d. Feb. 23, 1955; m. Jennie F. (Bowman), dau. John W. and Sarah (Rowson) of Westboro, Nov. 27, 1889. She b. Westboro Oct. 31, 1872, d. Worcester Mar. 25, 1957. Had:

Grace Blanche, b. Dec. 15, 1890, d. Feb. 20, 1891.

Clara Belle, b. Feb. 1, 1892, m. Albert A. Jacobs Feb. 8, 1911.

2m. Gleason C. Wilder of Worcester, Dec. 25, 1918.

Emerson Wellington, b. May, 6, 1901, m. Ethel Rose Ross Oct. 5, 1921.

LLOYD LINWOOD WHEELER, s. Arthur Burton and Esther G. (Bruce) Wheeler; m. Marion A. Winslow, dau. Frank A. and Bertha (Brown) Winslow, Sept. 2, 1924. She b. Hallowell, Me., Apr. 13, 1905, d. Berlin Apr. 17, 1932. Had:

Phyllis, b. June 16, 1925, m. Roland Albert Haase, Marlboro July 15, 1944.

Christine, b. Mar. 30, 1932.

LUCY M. WHEELER, dau. Elias L. and Sarah A. (Sawyer) Wheeler, b. Aug. 13, 1882, d. Dec. 10, 1957.

MAURICE OSCAR WHEELER, s. Christopher and Laura A. (Jones) Wheeler; m. Evelyn Holder, dau. Herman S. and Jennie I. (Fosgate) Holder, May 1, 1932. Had:

Raymond Irving, b. July 27, 1935, m. Alice Laura Cole.

MYRON S. WHEELER, s. Elias L. and Sarah A. (Sawyer) Wheeler, b. Feb. 7, 1881, d. Sept. 29, 1948. His father d. Apr. 11, 1907; mother d. Nov. 19, 1943. Married Mary M. Babcock, dau. William Thomas and Harriet M. (Sawyer) Babcock, Oct. 6, 1901. She d. Mar. 12, 1925.

2m. Ethel E. Tracey of Clinton Apr. 24, 1922; she d. Jan. 14, 1959. Had:

Elizabeth Bliss, b. Dec. 28, 1922, m. Albert G. Rouleau.

NORMAN JESSE WHEELER, s. Earle A. and Hazel H. (Brewer) Wheeler; m. Jane Edith Wallace of Marlboro June 12, 1955. Had:
Malcolm Earle, b. Sept. 4, 1957.

OTIS C. WHEELER, s. Walter A. and Ella (Howe) Wheeler, b. Aug. 31, 1888, d. Mar. 22, 1925; m. Marion E. Corey, June 20, 1914. Had:

Otis C. Jr., b. Nov. 6, 1915.

Francis C., b. Apr. 17, 1918, m. Alice Moss. (Conn.)

Lawrence Eugene, b. Oct. 23, 1919. (Fla.)

RAYMOND HOLDER WHEELER, s. Henry A. and Nellie F. (Read) Wheeler; m. Ruth Jane Dunlop of Worcester, Mass. Aug. 14, 1915. Had:

Lois Dunlop, b. Eugene, Ore. July 31, 1924, m. Carl C. Perkins, Jr., May 20, 1942. Had:

Carl C. Perkins III, b. Oct. 20, 1944, Lawrence, Kan.

Brian W. Perkins, b. Feb. 2, 1946, Lawrence, Kan.

Janet Lee Perkins, b. Sept. 20, 1953, Kansas City, Mo.

Bruce MacDonald Perkins, b. Jan. 18, 1955, Kansas City, Mo.

RAYMOND IRVING WHEELER, s. Maurice Oscar and Evelyn (Holder) Wheeler, b. July 27, 1935; m. Alice Laura Cole, dau.

Chester E. and Laura E. (Bickford) Cole, July 25, 1958. Had:
Naomi, b. June 4, 1959.

RICHARD M. WHEELER, s. Amos (d. Oct. 6, 1867) and Lydia (Randall) (d. Mar. 3, 1843) of Richmond, N. H., b. Mar. 19, 1835, d. Mar. 11, 1895; m. Frances Ann Sawtelle, dau. Ebenezer S. and Roxana (Bruce) Sawtelle, July 3, 1862. She b. Oct. 5, 1844, d. Feb. 24, 1901. Had:

Richard M., b. June 20, 1863, d. Feb. 27, 1867.

Hattie L., b. Jan. 4, 1866, d. Mar. 1, 1867.

Orrin M., b. Feb. 15, 1868, m. Agnes Bailey.

Charles C., b. Mar. 30, 1871, m. Rose Halstead.

Arthur B., b. Oct. 14, 1872, m. Esther G. Bruce.

Willis E., b. Dec. 3, 1874.

Amy F., b. Nov. 27, 1877.

Ralph E., b. Nov. 25, 1880, d. Dec. 7, 1927, m. Mabel Garriner
 May 10, 1911.

Chester L., b. July 10, 1883.

He settled on the Amos Meriam farm, later owned by William Babcock—the present Edward R. Martineit Place on Carr Road.

ROBERT BARCLAY WHEELER, s. Amos and Lydia (Randall) Wheeler, b. Mar. 19, 1835, d. Nov. 28, 1903; m. Nancy M. Wheeler, dau. Thomas W. and Mirriam S. Wheeler of Bolton, Mar. 29, 1860. She b. Mar. 2, 1842, d. July 16, 1890. Had:

Miranda Lois, b. Dec. 2, 1861, d. Jan. 27, 1864.

Alice Lillian, b. Nov. 8, 1863, m. George E. Dow June 8, 1887.

Gilbert Hanson, b. Sept. 13, 1866, m. Ida G. Burnham Oct. 31, 1889.

Bertha Meriam, b. Oct. 28, 1869, m. Walter Cole Sept. 24, 1890.

Laura Agnes, b. Sept. 29, 1873, m. John E. Taylor Mar. 24, 1893.

Amos Chester, b. Jan. 25, 1886, m. Ethel M. Jones Sept. 19, 1909.

2m. Marion Jeffrey, dau. Hugh and Agnes McIntire, Oct. 13, 1893.

He resided on the Jonathan-Buffum homestead of Highland Street. The house was built in 1817 by Warren Moore. It was purchased about 1835 by Amos Wheeler, son of Levi, and has remained in the Wheeler family ever since. It is the present

residence of Chester E. Cole; and also Raymond I. Wheeler of the sixth generation.

ROGER EARL WHEELER, s. Roland E. and Freda B. (Stone) Wheeler; m. Helen Barbara Bradley, dau. Harry F. and Gertrude (Gardiner) Bradley, June 16, 1950. Had:

Nancy Jean, b. Aug. 23, 1956.

ROGER MARION WHEELER, s. Freeman W. and Marion (Eager) Wheeler; m. Lulu Thora Parmenter, dau. Edward T. and Lulu Marie (Cook) Parmenter, May 2, 1942. Had:

Thomas Walter, b. Sept. 1, 1947.

Betty Lou, b. Nov. 9, 1950.

ROLAND EARL WHEELER, s. Herbert L. and Adelia L. (Berry) Wheeler; m. Freda Belle Stone, dau. Homer L. and Clara (Boyd) Stone, Mar. 14, 1925. Had:

Roger Earl, b. Aug. 25, 1925, m. Helen Barbara Bradley.

Frederick Roland, b. Jan. 19, 1928, m. Ruth Alta Bridges.

Norma Irene, b. Feb. 4, 1931, m. Leon Newton Andrews.

Philip, b. Sept. 16, 1933, d. Sept. 16, 1933.

RUSSELL BERNARD WHEELER, s. Bernard O. and Hazel H. (Barnes) Wheeler; m. Marjorie M. McGorty, dau. George C. and Dora Frances (McCarthy) McGorty, Sept. 23, 1942. She b. Hudson Mar. 25, 1923. Had:

Russell Bernard, Jr., b. Feb. 7, 1943.

Kenneth George, b. Aug. 27, 1948.

Brian Robert, b. Feb. 14, 1955.

SAMUEL WHEELER, s. Samuel H. and Sarah (Holder) Wheeler, b. Nov. 3, 1851, d. June 4, 1914; m. Emily G. Bruce of Hudson Aug. 15, 1871. She d. Dec. 1, 1932. Had:

Cora E., b. Mar. 14, 1872, d. Apr. 22, 1929, m. Arthur L. Brewer.

Herbert L., b. Oct. 18, 1875, d. May 23, 1941, m. Adelia L. Berry.

Edwin E., b. Sept. 13, 1877, d. Mar. 6, 1940, m. Emma L. Coyne.

Marion G., b. Dec. 21, 1885, d. Feb. 11, 1955.

Bernice A., b. Oct. 2, 1894, d. Feb. 6, 1939.

SIDNEY WALTER WHEELER, s. Edmond W. (d. Apr. 25, 1937) and Olivia A. (Howe) (d. July 24, 1935) Wheeler, b. Berlin, Apr. 11, 1887, d. June 30, 1951; m. Florence Ellen Hastings, dau. Arthur (d. July 11, 1941) and Emma F. (Boyce) (d. Sept. 11, 1934) Hastings, Sept. 14, 1912. She b. Berlin, Feb. 9, 1886. Had:

Willard Hastings, b. Dec. 10, 1923, m. Joanne F. Kavanaugh. Res. Pleasant Street, homestead of Arthur Hastings, Christopher Sawyer Hastings, Ephraim Hastings (1834), Nathan Johnson (1781), Edward Johnson, who married Mary Ball of Northboro and settled here 1745. This property being his portion of the grant of his father, Edward Johnson of Woburn, who surveyed in this territory in 1650-60. The forty acres of the "mill site" was sold to William Goddard in 1744, who built the dam and mill about 1752. The same was taken over by Willard M. Wheeler about 1856 and continued in the family by Edmond W. and Sidney W. until 1951.

WALDO LEWIS WHEELER, s. Lewis B. (d. June 13, 1900) and Annie L. (Howe) (d. Jan. 31, 1908), b. June 3, 1873, d. Sept. 23, 1947; m. Hazel Isabelle Sawyer, dau. Charles M. and Julia Ida (Bassett) Sawyer, Oct. 15, 1913. She d. Nov. 17, 1941. Had:

Florence Ann, b. Mar. 8, 1916, m. Edward Lester Ross Sept. 26, 1942; 2m. Harold E. Martin, Nov. 16, 1957. Had:

Everett Harold, b. Oct. 14, 1958.

WALTER AMOS WHEELER, s. Rufus R. and Lucy (Walcott) Wheeler, b. Feb. 22, 1862, d. July 23, 1947; m. Ella Louisa Howe, dau. Alanson S. Howe of Marlboro, May 3, 1886. She b. Apr. 1, 1867, d. Sept. 2, 1944. Had:

Emily C., b. June 3, 1887.

Otis C., b. Aug. 31, 1888, m. Marion E. Corey June 20, 1914.

Freeman W., b. Oct. 28, 1891, m. Marion Eager; she d. June 13, 1921.

Hazel L., b. July 20, 1900, m. Hermon L. Sawyer Oct. 6, 1923.

Helen L., b. Oct. 24, 1905, m. Warren W. Tansey June 4, 1926.

WILLARD HASTINGS WHEELER, s. Sidney W. and Florence E. (Hastings); m. Joanne F. Kavanaugh, dau. John F. Kavanaugh of Wallingford, Conn., Feb. 20, 1947. Had:

Timothy Hastings, b. Mar. 26, 1950.

Richard Seth, b. July 16, 1952.

WILLIAM E. WHEELER, s. Edward L. and Sarah E. (Dakin) Wheeler, b. Berlin Feb. 3, 1879, m. Ethel E. Randall, dau. Joseph John and Anna A. (Grant) Randall, June 14, 1904. She b. Berlin Apr. 16, 1884, Had:

Blanche Jennette, b. Mar. 4, 1906, m. Verne F. Falby. He d. Oct. 16, 1940. 2m. John L. Nutting Nov. 28, 1943.

Ruth Louise, b. Aug. 5, 1907, m. Ernest Eldon Wry Aug. 11, 1934.

Harold Chester, b. May 3, 1909, d. Jan. 23, 1948.

Albert William, b. Nov. 25, 1910, m. Marjorie Marie Henderson.

Everett Randall, b. Sept. 27, 1915, m. Mildred A. Ogilvie.

Eleanor Florence, b. June 9, 1918, m. Earle Crandell Gabrielsen Dec. 1, 1940.

WILLIAM W. WHEELER, s. Abel and Nancy Wheeler of Bolton, b. Dec. 27, 1812, d. Jan. 1, 1888; m. Sabra Wheeler, dau. Daniel and Abigail (Fry) Wheeler, 1836. She b. Nov. 6, 1811, d. Apr. 27, 1895. Had:

Frederick William, b. Aug. 9, 1837, m. Adaline Kent Oct. 30, 1864.

Alvina Sabra, b. Oct. 29, 1839, m. Thomas C. Berry May 16, 1860.

Edward Lawson, b. Aug. 22, 1844, m. Sarah E. Dakin May 5, 1869.

Louisa Elizabeth, b. July 22, 1847.

WILDER

FRANK KENDALL WILDER, s. Andrew J. and Sarah W. (Jewett) Wilder, b. Sterling Jan. 5, 1861, d. Berlin Oct. 28, 1929; m. Lizzie M. Seger, dau. G. Edwin and Pamela Ann (Long) Seger, Aug. 13, 1890. She b. Nov. 10, 1869, d. Squantum Feb. 9, 1958. Mr. Wilder came to Berlin in 1893, was a teamster for S. R. Carter & Son in their fuel and grain business. Mrs. Wilder moved from Berlin in 1930 to live with her daughter, Florence. Had:

Stella Florence, b. May 31, 1891, m. Seaward Brightman of

Brighton, Sept. 26, 1931. Res. Squantum, Mass. He d. Aug. 2, 1959.

Andrew Eugene, b. July 19, 1893, d. Worcester June 25, 1946, m. Lillian Anderson of Worcester June 25, 1924. Had:

Andrew Eugene, Jr. b. Sept. 21, 1925, d. Oct. 23, 1925.

Howard Fredolf, b. Apr. 15, 1928.

Roger Eugene, b. Mar. 27, 1932.

WILSON

MILTON S. WILSON, s. James and Maud (Miller) Wilson, b. Richford, Vt. Dec. 25, 1903; m. Eva Durant. Had:

Earl Stewart, b. Hudson May 30, 1925, m. Althea E. Rand.

Irene A., b. Hudson Sept. 26, 1926, m. Edwin Allan Helenius July 1, 1947.

2m. Pearl Laura Blenkhorn, dau. Charles B. and Lydia May Blenkhorn, Feb. 22, 1933. Had:

Helen Elaine, b. Feb. 13, 1934, m. Sergio Francis Papagni Feb. 15, 1952.

Burton Harold, b. Mar. 28, 1936, m. Barbara A. Walker, May 2, 1959.

Milton Charles, b. Nov. 16, 1938.

Elinor May, b. Aug. 11, 1939, m. Ronald P. Potvin, May 28, 1955.

Carol Ann, b. Oct. 28, 1940.

Robert Edward, b. Feb. 6, 1943.

EARL STEWART WILSON, s. Milton S. and Eva (Durant) Wilson; m. Althea E. Rand, dau. James E. and Ella (Galbraith) Rand, June 29, 1946. Had:

Jerry James, b. Aug. 4, 1953.

Suzanne Elaine, b. Apr. 4, 1955.

Pamela Jayne, b. July 31, 1957.

WOODBURY

ZOHETH H. WOODBURY, s. Zoheth B. (d. Sept. 30, 1914) and Sarah Ann (Hale) Woodbury (d. Sept. 17, 1907), b. Jan. 2, 1875. d. Mar. 19, 1950; m. Lillian B. MacKinze, dau. Daniel D. and Minnie (Logan) MacKinze, Jan. 20, 1897. She b. Aug. 4, 1876 in Halifax, N. S., d. May 3, 1942. Had:

Arline Beatrice, b. Berlin Oct. 22, 1897, m. John Coolidge Apr. 8, 1921. Res. Hudson.

Elizabeth, b. Berlin Oct. 13, 1906, m. Albert E. Lamson Sept. 13, 1940.

WOODWARD

CHARLES N. WOODWARD, s. Charles N. and Juliette (Cumings) Woodward, b. Dunstable Apr. 9, 1861, d. Berlin Oct. 22, 1940; m. Carrie Lizzie Patch, dau. William R. and Mary C. (Bullard) Patch, Mar. 29, 1893. She b. Townsend Dec. 1, 1859, d. Berlin June 26, 1936. Had:

H. Wallace, b. Pepperell Mar. 29, 1894, d. Oct. 23, 1918.

Charles Sumner, b. Pepperell Oct. 19, 1895, d. Sept. 23, 1918. The family came to Berlin in 1896, settled in ancestral "Bullard House" at No. 1 Woodward Avenue. This house is considered the oldest house in Berlin Center, built about 1747 by Abraham Rice.

H. Wallace Woodward enlisted Apr. 7, 1917 in Hudson in Company M, 5th Regiment, which was later merged into the 101st Infantry. He participated in the following engagements: Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Michel, Meuse-Argonne. He was wounded May 3, 1918 and again July 22, and was killed in action Oct. 23, 1918. His rank was first class private. His body was brought to this country and he was buried with military honors on Oct. 23, 1921. The funeral services were held in the Town Hall at 2:30 P.M. and interment was at the Pleasant St. Cemetery.

Charles Sumner Woodward enlisted May 27, 1918, in Co. C., 73rd Infantry. He died at Camp Devens Sept. 23, 1918 of pneumonia following an attack of influenza, which was epidemic at that time.

WILLIAM LYLE WOODWARD, s. William A. and Ella J. (Needham) Woodward, b. Amherst, N. H. Mar. 2, 1892, d. Berlin Oct. 21, 1955; m. Hattie Belle Jones, dau. Oscar M. and L. Ella (Kimmens) Jones, Mar. 25, 1915. She b. Nov. 22, 1888.

WRIGHT

MAURICE O. WRIGHT, s. Ira Walter and Anna (Wright) Wright, b. Coventry, Vt. Jan. 9, 1905; m. Bessie L. Arthur. Had: *Violet*, b. Lowell, Mass., April 28, 1919.

Leland Maurice, b. Berlin Apr. 11, 1928.

Lillian Margaret, b. Berlin July 28, 1930.

Mildred May, b. Berlin Dec. 12, 1931.

2m. Lillian L. (LaBounty) Armstrong, dau. Felix and Catherine (Gridward) LaBounty, Oct. 11, 1939. She b. Troy, Vt., Oct. 16, 1911. Had:

Arden Ira M., b. July 4, 1940.

Maureen Priscilla, b. Dec. 25, 1942, d. Jan. 17, 1951.

Sheila Mae, b. Sept. 10, 1948.

ZIEGLER

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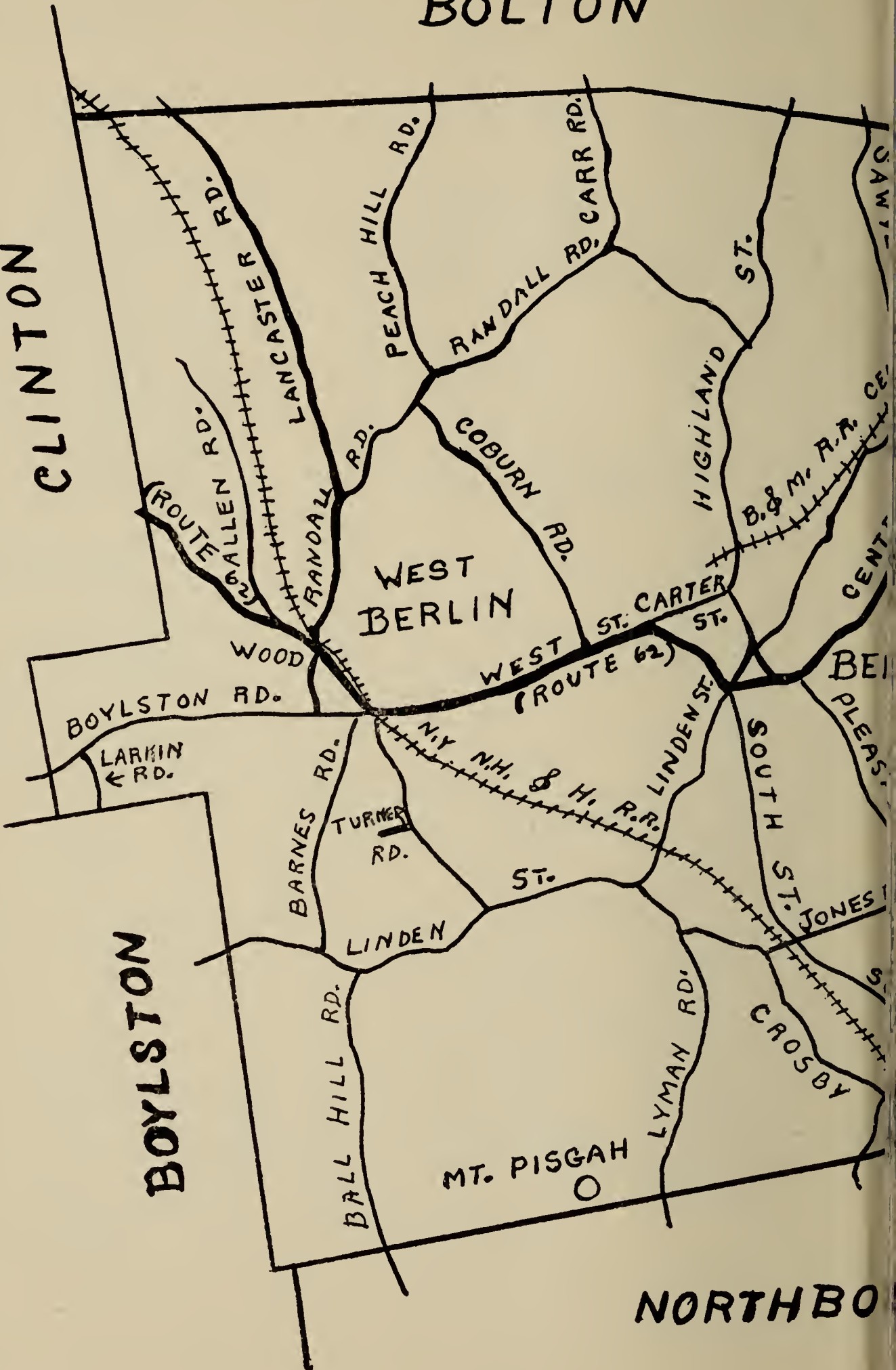
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